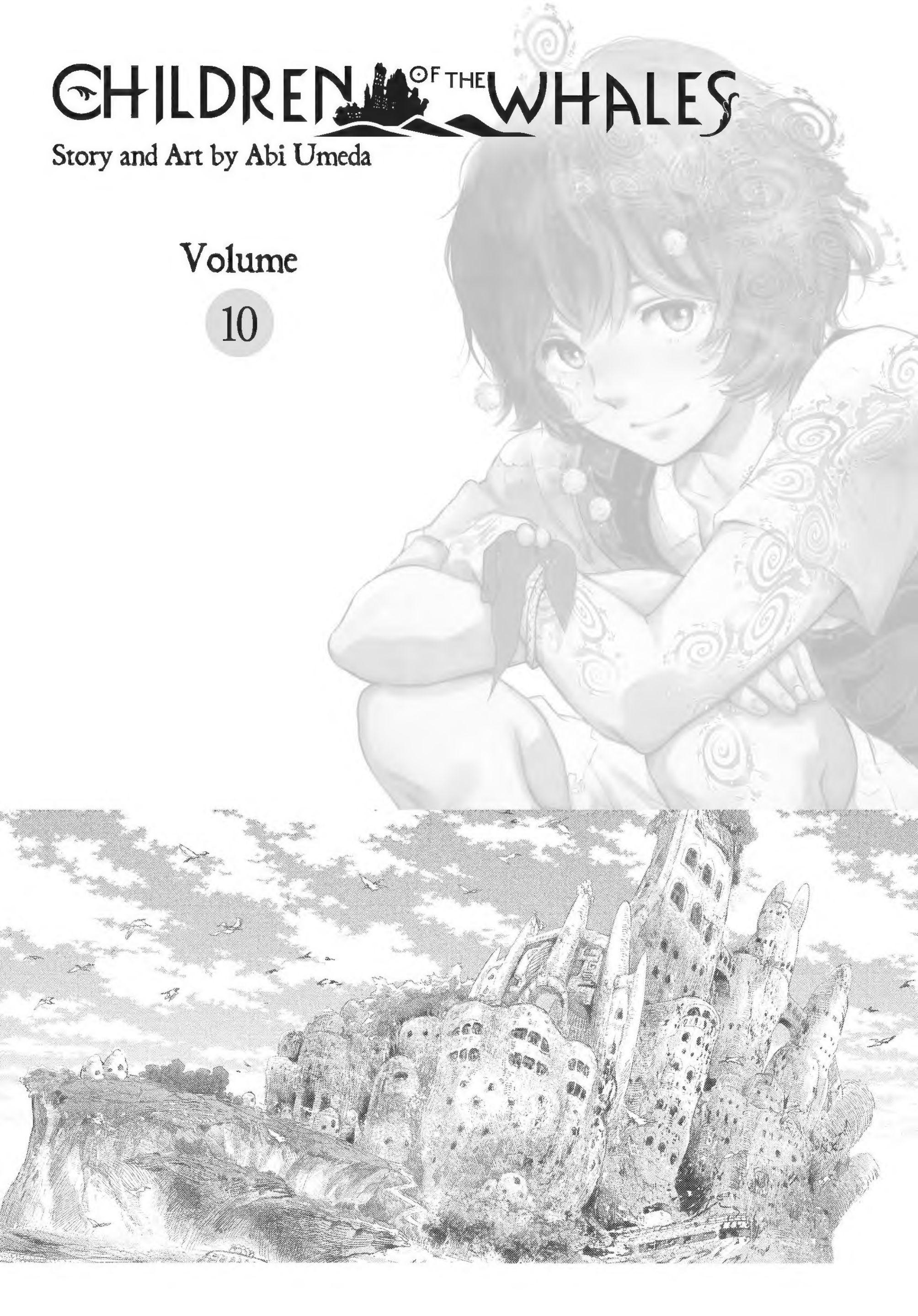

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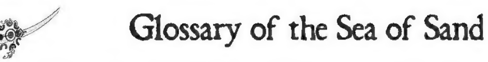


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Glossary of the Sea of Sand



The Mud Whale	A huge, drifting island-ship. Those in the empire who resisted giving up their emotions were exiled here, along with all their descendants.
Thymia	Telekinetic power derived from emotions.
The Marked	The 90 percent of the Mud Whale population who are thymia users. They are all short-lived.
The Unmarked	The members of the Mud Whale population who cannot use thymia. Unlike the Marked, they are long-lived.
Nous	A unique organism that obtains energy from peoples' emotions and gives people the power of thymia in return.
Nous Fálaina	A Nous that dwells deep within the Belly of the Mud Whale. Unlike other Nouses, it consumes the life force of humans rather than their emotions.
The Allied Empire	A large nation on the Sea of Sand that controls its citizenry through the Nouses and their absorption of emotions.
Daímonas	A legend from the empire. A being said to be able to destroy a Nous.

A Record of the Mud Whale and the Sea of Sand



Year 93 of the Sand Exile.

The Mud Whale drifts endlessly through the Sea of Sand, home to about 500 people who know nothing of the outside world.

Then the empire suddenly attacks the Mud Whale, and its normally peaceful people are only just able to win the battle. Chakuro, Lykos and the rest of the survivors soon have another encounter—with Sir Rochalízo and his crew. To avoid coming under further attack from the empire, the Mud Whale makes for Amonlogia, Rochalízo's homeland.

Once there, Suou and most of the Unmarked meet with Duke Dáchtyla and request that they be allowed to take sanctuary in Amonlogia. The duke has other plans, however, and wants to force the Marked to use their thymia as soldiers for the king of Suidelasia and Amonlogia, whose kingdom is suffering from loss of land due to the encroaching sand.

"The Mud Whale was our entire world."

Characters

On the Mud Whale



Ouni
(Marked, 16 years old)
A very powerful thymia user. He is haunted by the idea that he is a cursed demon but helps Chakuro after receiving advice from Masoh.



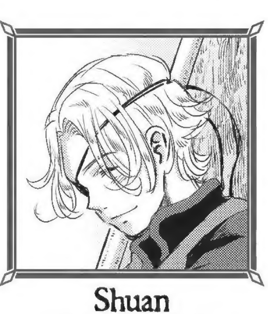
Lykos
(Marked, 14 years old)
A girl from the Allied Empire who comes aboard the Mud Whale. She sneaks into Amonlogia by herself in order to rescue the Unmarked.



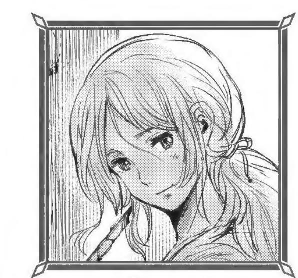
Chakuro
(Marked, 14 years old)
The young archivist of the Mud Whale. He decides to agree to Dáchtyla's demands for the sake of the captive Unmarked.



Ginshu
(Marked, 16 years old)
Ingenious life of the party. Recently appointed by Shuan to be the new commander of the Vigilante Corps.



Shuan
(Marked, 26 years old)
Former head of the Vigilante Corps. Accompanies Suou and the other Unmarked and is captured with them.



Suou
(Unmarked, 17 years old)
A prisoner on Amonlogia after negotiations with Duke Dáchtyla broke down.

Amonlogia



Dáchtyla
Duke of Amonlogia and Rochalízo's father. He has imprisoned the Unmarked and is attempting to conscript the Marked as soldiers.

Amonlogia



Rochalízo
(???, 17 years old)
He is the son of the duke of Amonlogia, of the United Kingdom of Suidelasia. He led the Mud Whale to his country.

Allied Empire



Orca
A high-ranking official from the Allied Empire and Lykos's brother. His battleship Skyros was sunk when he attacked the Mud Whale, but he is once again leading an invasion force against them.



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OUNI, I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY.
SHK SHK
... ARCHIVIST.
I'M NOT HELPING YOU...
BUT ACTUALLY YOU'RE HELPING US...


IT'S CHA. KU. RO.
CHA-KU-RO.



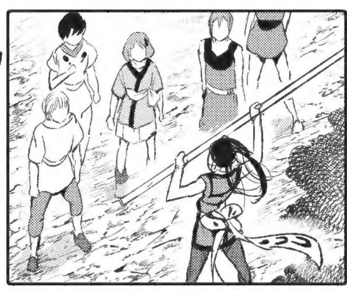

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OUT IN THE OPEN AGAIN.

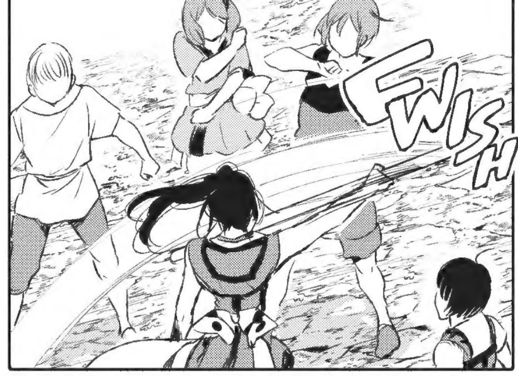

SHUT UP.
TROMP
OWWW!


But I am glad...
CHAKURO ...!
AAAGH!


Chapter 39
A God Living
and a God Dead


FURANO ...!
THE CHILDREN WHO WISH TO BE SOLDIERS FOR SUIDELASIA HAVE GATHERED WITH CHAKURO.
WHAT?
...
BLUB
IDIOTS ...
ALL SUOU AND THE UNMARKED WANT...
...IS FOR YOU TO NEVER HAVE TO FIGHT AGAIN.
IDIOTS ...
FURANO.





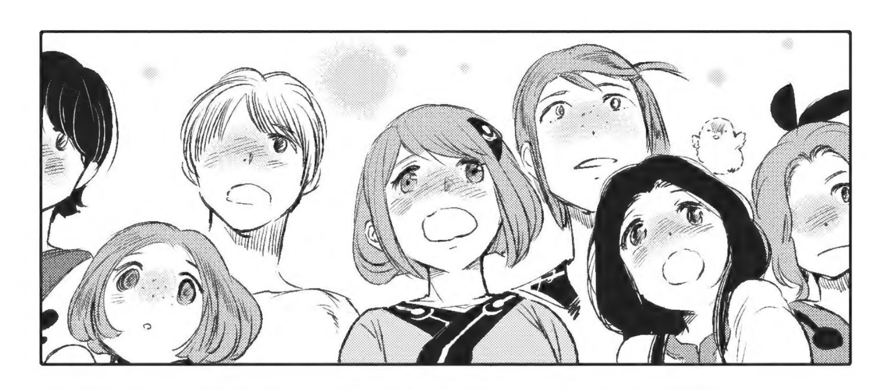
OUNI?

WHO TOLD YOU TO COME?

THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU UNSKILLED KIDS COMING TOO.

EVEN THE LOT OF YOU TOGETHER ISN'T *CLOSE* TO BEING ONE OF ME.

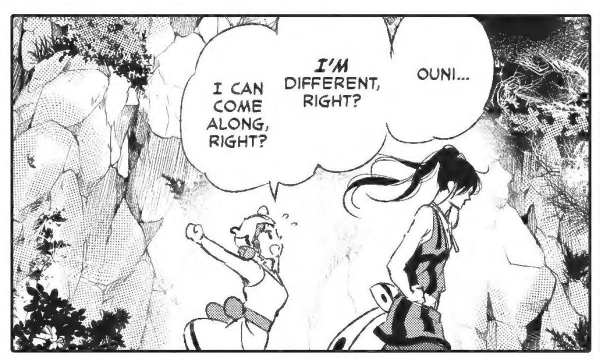
JUST STAY OUT OF THIS.




WE'RE SUPER-POWER-FUL WITH OUNI!
AMONLOGIA IS GETTING INTIMI-DATED ALREADY!
YEAH!


I...
...I'D LOVE TO SAY SOMETHING COOL LIKE THAT, JUST ONCE!


...
YEAH! WOO!


OUNI...
I'M DIFFERENT, RIGHT?
I CAN COME ALONG, RIGHT?


FWIP
DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT. YOU'LL MAKE OUNI RUN AWAY.

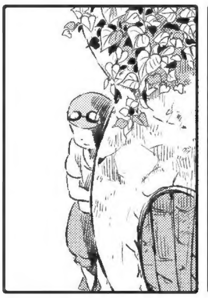

LET ME COME WITH YOU.

TMP

THEY HAVE MY MOTHER.

YOU'RE THE KID FROM THE WORK-SHOP...

WHAT-EVER.


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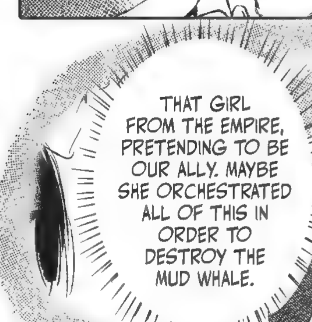
WHAT ABOUT ME?!

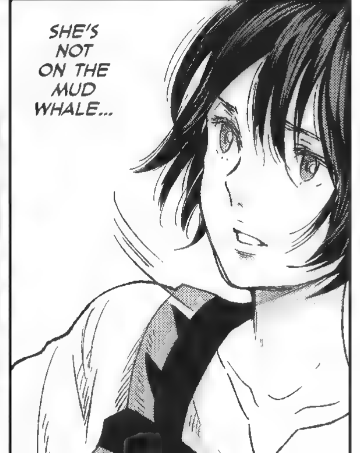

URUMI, DID YOU FIND LYKOS?
NO...
WE LOOKED EVERY-WHERE, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND HER.
YOU HAVEN'T FOUND HER YET EITHER?

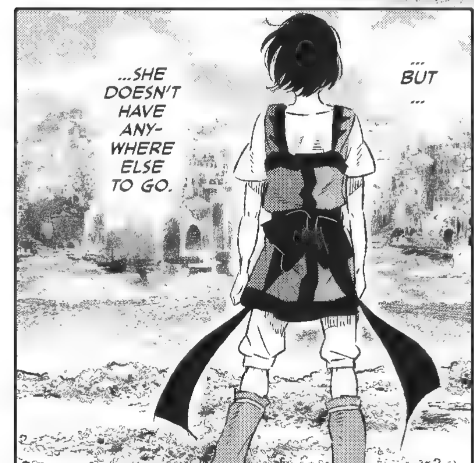

NO.


...


...IT'S *HER* FAULT.


THAT GIRL FROM THE EMPIRE, PRETENDING TO BE OUR ALLY. MAYBE SHE ORCHESTRATED ALL OF THIS IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE MUD WHALE.


SHE'S NOT ON THE MUD WHALE...


...BUT ...
...SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY-WHERE ELSE TO GO.


LYKOS...
WE HAVE TO FIND HER...
IT'S RECKLESS FOR HER TO TRY SOME-THING ON HER OWN.
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS, GINSHU?
BECOMING A SOLDIER FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A VIGILANTE?
YEAH, I GAVE UP THE COMMAND AND QUIT BEING A VIGILANTE!
SNAP
SO FAST!!
TONOKO IS MY SUCCESSOR.
HEY!

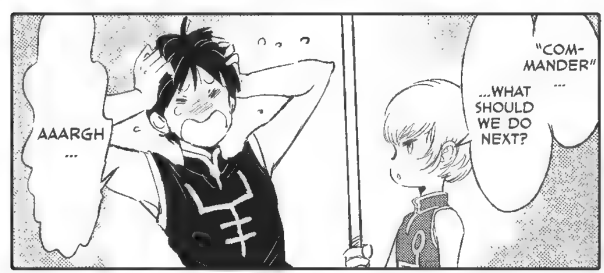

...
HMMM!
I GOT IT.


I HAVEN'T SAID YES!
YOU'RE BEING IRRESPONSIBLE!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CAVALIER ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE VIGILANTE CORPS?


Serious
SWIRL
SWIRL


I *OFFICIALLY* APPOINT YOU!
SNAP!
?!

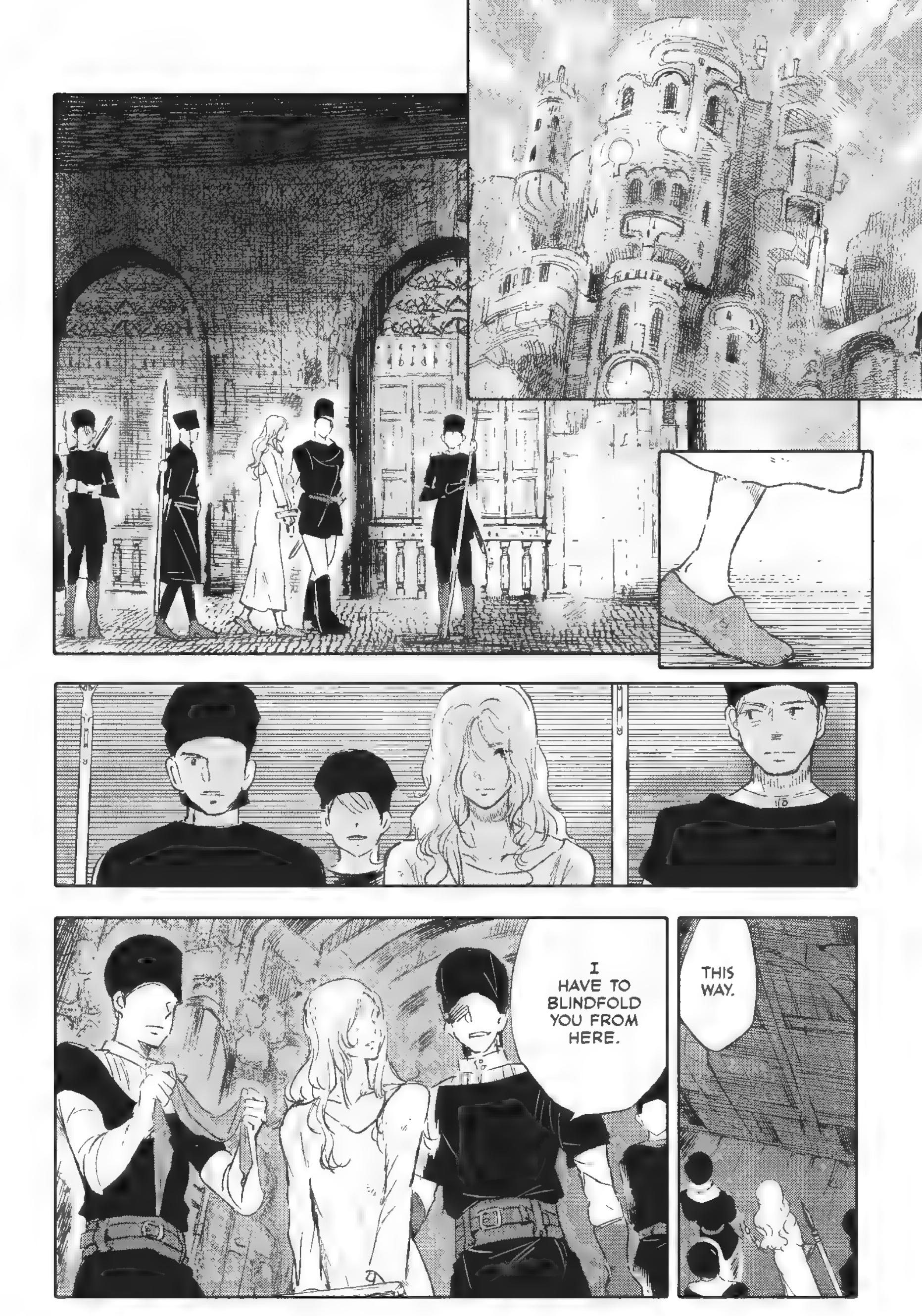

I WAS APPOINTED BY TWIRLING TOO!
I'm counting on you.

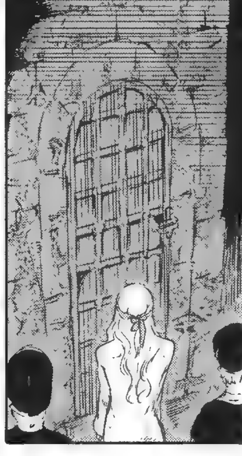

"COMMANDER" ...
...WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?
AAARGH ...

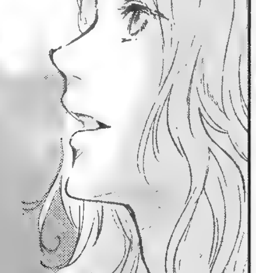





I thought Ouni's demonstration would give us an advantage in our negotiations with Amonlogia.
I thought the Amonlogians wouldn't have room to make any more unreasonable demands...
...after seeing how easily Ouni disabled their warship...
But we didn't know...
...what Duke Dáchtyla was really worried about.


I HAVE TO BLINDFOLD YOU FROM HERE.
THIS WAY.

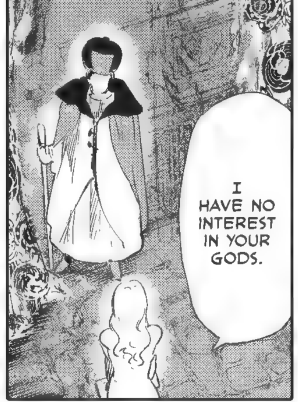


CAN YOU SEE IT?
THIS IS A *SOTÍRAS*.
DUKE DÁCHTYLA ...


IT'S THE GOD OF AMONLOGIA...
...CAPABLE OF GOING UP AGAINST THANÁTAS, THE BRINGER OF CHANGE.


IT IS SAID THAT ONCE THERE WERE 252 SOTÍRES.
OF THOSE, 245 FELL FIGHTING THANÁTAS ...
...AND DECOMPOSED INTO SHINY APOLÍTHOMA FOSSILS...
THEY WERE STRATIFIED IN THE EARTH OF AMONLOGIA ...
...DISSOLVING LITTLE BY LITTLE INTO THE DARK GROUND WHILE SINGING...
...THE SONG OF TIME..
THE HOURGLASS IS A SYMBOL OF THAT TRANSFORMATION.
A LEGEND? WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?


SET US AND THE MUD WHALE FREE.


I HAVE NO INTEREST IN YOUR GODS.


CRACK




FWIK


THUD


A GIRL?
SHE'S ENTOMBED INSIDE THIS ROCK?!


WHEN PEOPLE ARE FREED FROM CON-STRAINT ...
...THEY CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND THE JOY OF LIBERATION.
BUT SAND IN AN HOURGLASS CAN NEVER SPILL FROM ITS CONTAINER.
IT CAN ONLY...
...GO BACK AND FORTH THROUGH A SMALL SPACE, OVER AND OVER, MARKING TIME.
THAT'S RIGHT...
THE SAND OF THE SOTÍRAS IS *DREAMING.*
DREAMING OF LIBERATION.
OUR COUNTRY DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY TO HARNESS THE ENERGY GENERATED BY THE DREAMING SAND.
THE SAND IN OUR HOUR-GLASSES IS GROUND APOLÍTH-OMA...
OUR GUNS...
...THE ARMOR THE SOLDIERS IN THE HALL WORE...
THEY ARE STRENGTH-ENED BY THE POWER THE GOD SOTÍRAS RADIATES WHILE DREAMING.


FOR YEARS, WE'VE COLLECTED INFORMATION ABOUT *THAT COUNTRY* FROM THE VARIOUS MERCHANTS WHO TRAVEL THE SEA OF SAND.
EVENTUALLY WE LEARNED THAT THEIR SORCERY WAS GIVEN TO THEM BY THEIR GOD NOUS.
AND WE FORMED A THEORY.
PERHAPS THEIR NOUS AND OUR SOTÍRAS WERE THE SAME THING.
NOUS IS A LIVING GOD...
THE SOTÍRAS, THAT IS TO SAY, APOLÍTHOMA, IS A DEAD GOD.
I'M ASSUMING YOUR SHIP CONTAINS A GOD AS WELL?


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE SAME GOD IS MANIPULATING EVERYONE.
DO YOU THINK IT MAKES HIM LAUGH TO SEE...
...HOW PEOPLE ARE BEGUILED BY HIS POWER?
HEH HEH HEH ...
HEE HEE HEE ...
LAUGH- TER?
IS SHE REALLY DEAD?
BOY...



THIS MORNING ...
...A STRANGE ANIMAL WAS FOUND OUTSIDE THE CASTLE.
IT WAS A KAMIN-GAINO.
THEY ARE DRAWN TO THANÁTAS, THE BRINGER OF CHANGE.
THAT'S THE ANIMAL ROCHALÍZO HATED.
AND ...
SOMEONE ON YOUR VESSEL...
?!
...RIPPED OUR SHIP APART WITH UNNATURAL POWER.
A BOY WITH LONG BLACK HAIR.
OUNI ...?


YOU HAVE BROUGHT SOMETHING TERRIBLE.

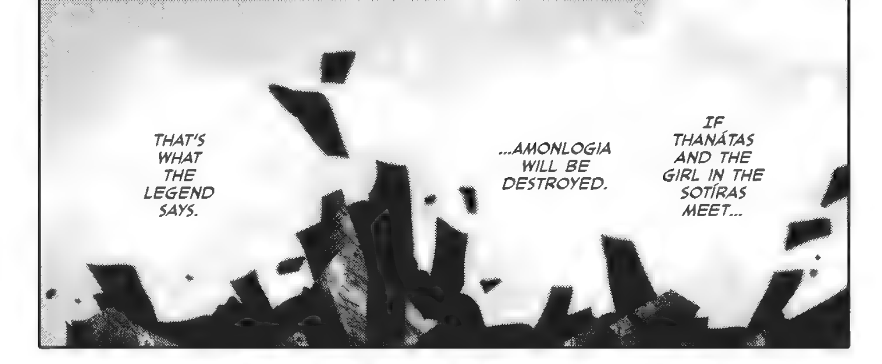

OU-?
NO...
HIS NAME IS *OUNI*?

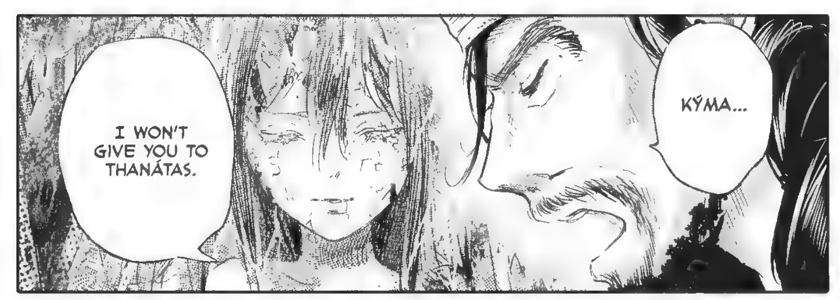

SO...
HE IS THE THANÁTAS.


KAMINGAINO AND A BOY WITH ABNORMAL POWERS.
HOW CAN THAT BE A COINCIDENCE?


...?!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
OUNI IS NOTHING LIKE THAT-


THERE IS MORE TO THE SOTÍRAS LEGEND THAN I HAVE TOLD YOU.



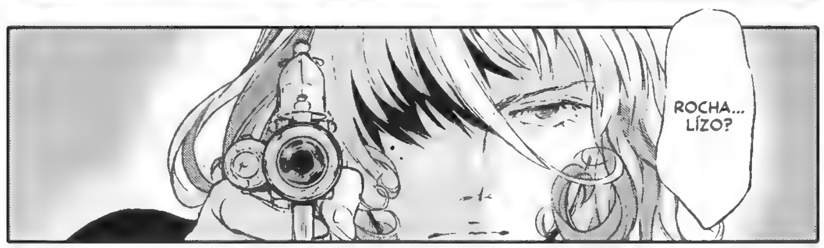


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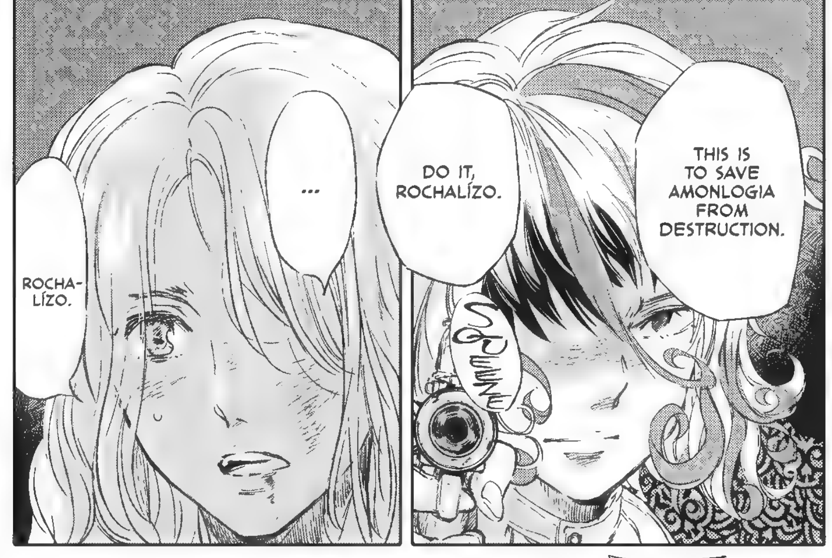
YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE HERE.

GASP!




ROCHA... LÍZO?


WE CAN'T LET THANÁTAS SUCCEED.
IF WE DON'T LET THEM KNOW IMMEDIATELY...
...THAT WE ARE READY TO KILL THE HOSTAGES, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THANÁTAS.


THIS IS TO SAVE AMONLOGIA FROM DESTRUCTION.
DO IT, ROCHALÍZO.
...
ROCHA-LÍZO.

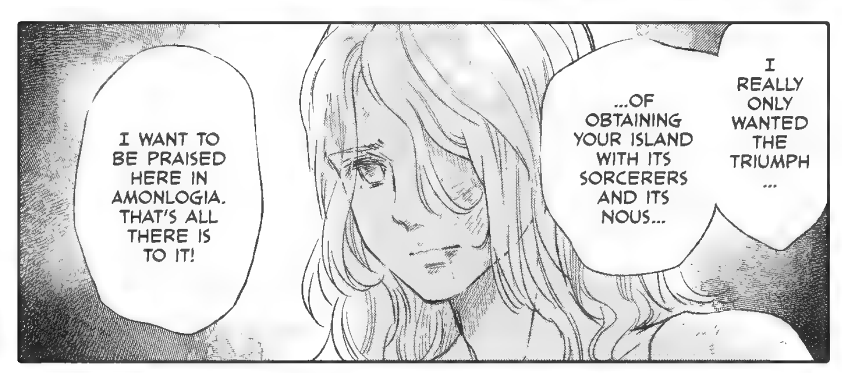

DON'T MOVE!


I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE...
...THAT YOU WOULD DECEIVE US LIKE THIS...

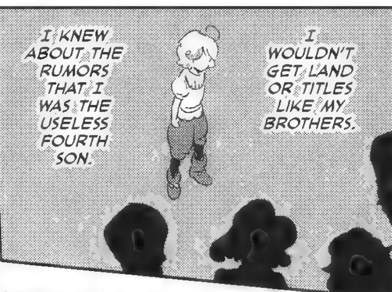

...AND MAKE US HOSTAGES AND SOLDIERS AND KILL US.
SHUT UP!!


HOW CAN YOU PRETEND TO UNDER-STAND ANYTHING ABOUT US?
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU UNDER-STAND.


MAYBE *YOU* ALWAYS THINK ABOUT YOUR CITIZENS...
...BUT *I'M* DIFFER-ENT.
I SAID IT WAS FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE OF AMONLOGIA ...
...BUT THAT WAS JUST FOR APPEAR-ANCE'S SAKE.

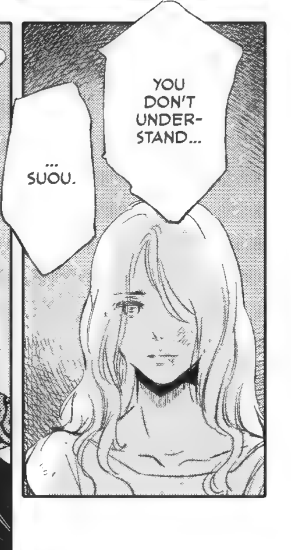

I REALLY ONLY WANTED THE TRIUMPH ...
...OF OBTAINING YOUR ISLAND WITH ITS SORCERERS AND ITS NOUS...
I WANT TO BE PRAISED HERE IN AMONLOGIA. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!


EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, I'VE ALWAYS FELT SORRY FOR MYSELF...


I WOULDN'T GET LAND OR TITLES LIKE MY BROTHERS.
I KNEW ABOUT THE RUMORS THAT I WAS THE USELESS FOURTH SON.


I WASN'T HAPPY WITH MY LIFE HERE.
SO I WENT TRAVEL-LING, OVER AND OVER.


I WANTED...
...TO DISCOVER SOMETHING THAT WOULD SURPRISE EVERYONE...
...AND MAKE THEM PAY FOR EVERYTHING THEY'D DONE TO ME.


YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...
... SUOU.


YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LOVED AND NEEDED BY YOUR PEOPLE...
SOMEONE LIKE YOU COULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!


...
THERE IS ONE WAY TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.


SAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE MUD WHALE.
THAT WILL EARN YOU ENDLESS PRAISE AND GRATITUDE...
...FROM EVERY ONE OF ITS CITIZENS.


ARE YOU KIDDING?


HOW CAN YOU JOKE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?


WHY WOULD I DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT?!
WASTE THE FEAT I JUST ACCOM-PLISHED...
...AND GO AGAINST MY FATHER AND AMONLO-GIA?





...

IF YOUR LIFE IN AMONLOGIA IS OVER...

...YOU CAN BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE MUD WHALE.

AND THEN...

...I WILL PROTECT YOU AS ONE OF MY PEOPLE NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S ENOUGH!!


THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS IDLE CHIT-CHAT.


HURRY UP AND DO IT, RO-CHALÍZO.


THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT.


?
RO-CHALÍ-ZO?


AMONLOGIA IS MY HOME.

EVEN IF NONE OF MY MEMORIES ARE GOOD ONES, IT'S ALL I HAVE.
TO TURN MY BACK ON IT...
...AND BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE MUD WHALE...
BASH


YOU TOOK HIM SERIOUSLY ...
HOW STUPID...
...CAN YOU BE?
UR...
... FATHER.
WHACK
YOU IDIOT!
THUD
URR...
...URR.

I CAN'T DO IT...

WAAH!

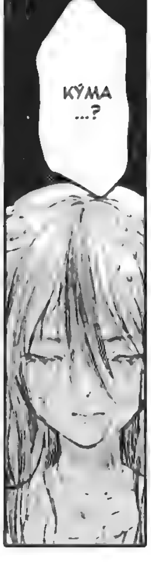
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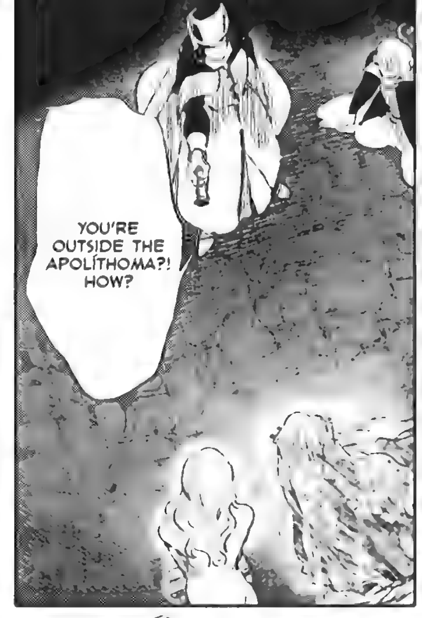
...HE'S MY...

NEVER MIND, I'LL DO IT MYSELF.

GASP!

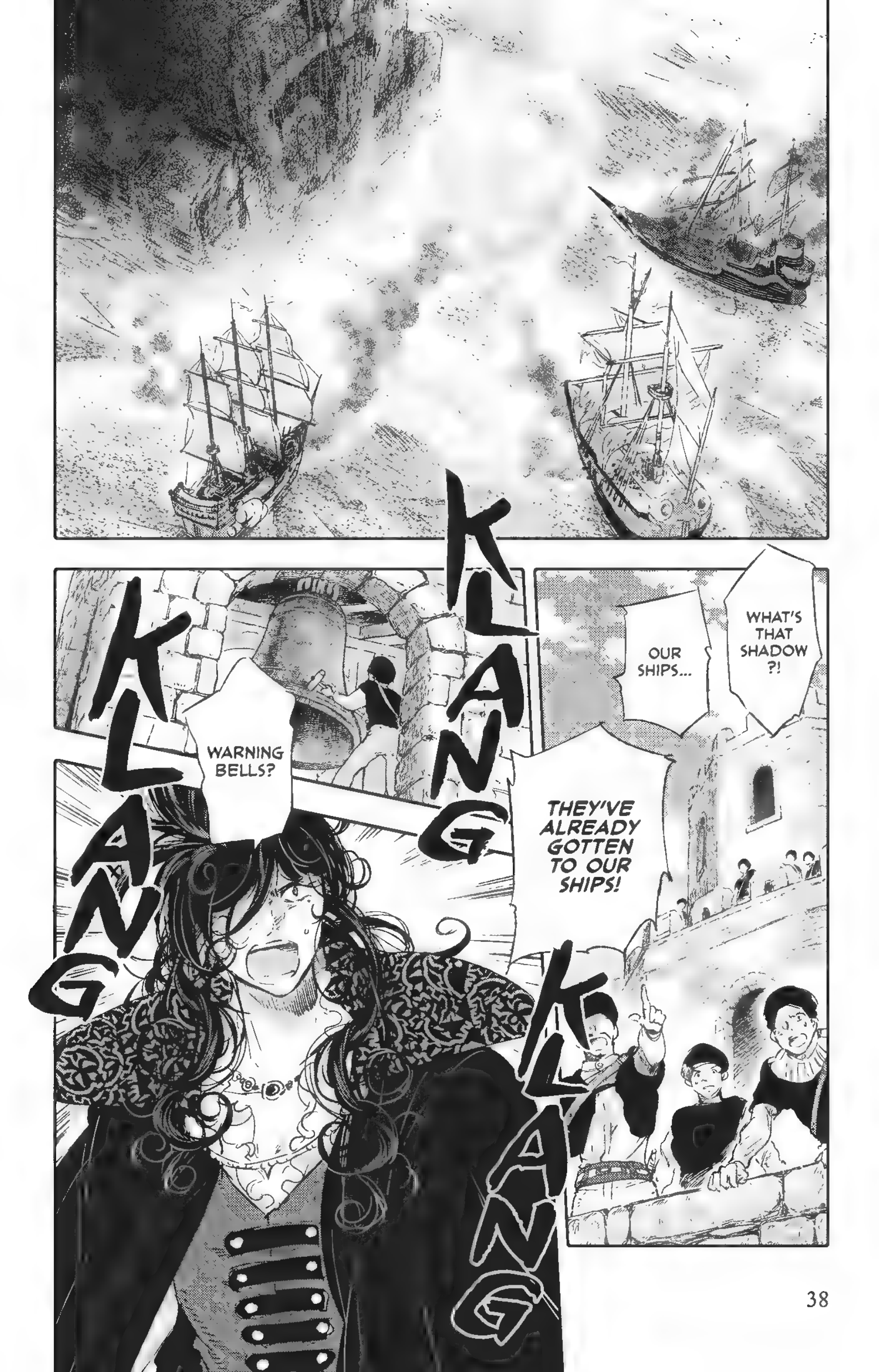






IT CAN'T BE...

IS THANÁTAS NEARBY?!

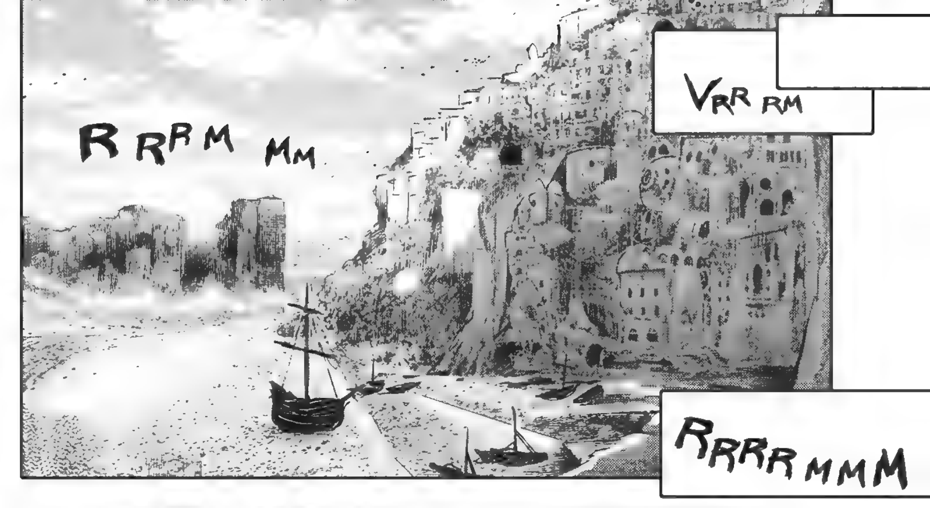

KLANG
KLANG
WHAT'S THAT SHADOW ?!
OUR SHIPS...
WARNING BELLS?
THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN TO OUR SHIPS!
KLANG

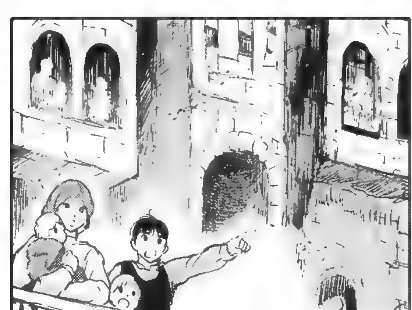

WOOOOO


KLANG
...
KLANG


KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KARCHARÍAS
...?
A God Living and a God Dead -The End-


Chapter 40
The Dark Roar
of Cannons


VRR RM
RRRM MM
RRRRMMM

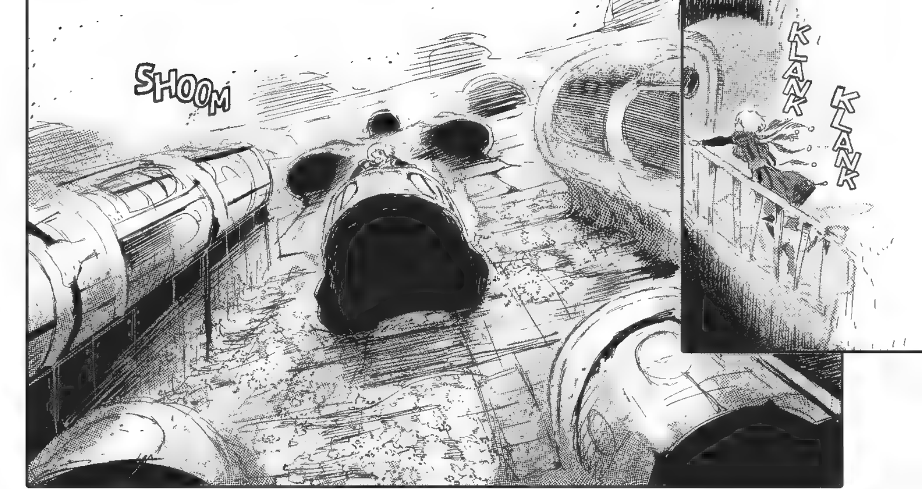



VR R R R RM




VR RM
LET'S COUNT WITH THE NUMBERS OF DARKNESS.
SEVEN SISTERS TO SPEAK OF HER.
TAP
SEVEN HATS, 14 EYES...
TAP
TAP
TWENTY-EIGHT LIMBS, EIGHT LIVES...


WHO IS ONE?
WHAT IS ONE?



FÁLAINA ...

WE'RE PASSING IT...

WHAT ABOUT FÁLAINA ?!

SHAKA

WHAT ABOUT FÁLAINA ?!!

SHAKA


GYAAAAAH!
LION-TARI?!

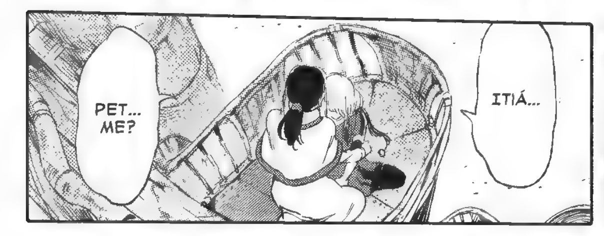

WHY ARE WE PASSING FÁLAINA?
WHY AREN'T WE GOING TO FÁLAINA?


WHAT IS HE THINKI—
ORCAAAAA!

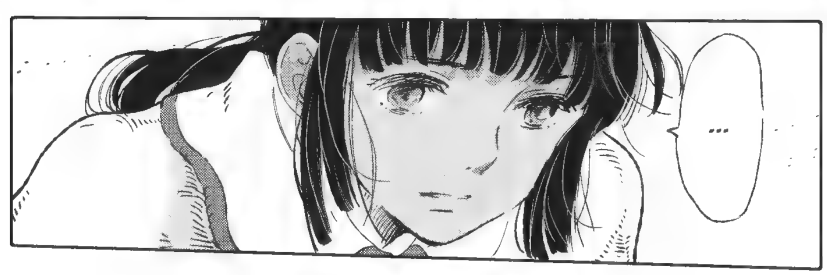

URP
...
... URGH.


ARE YOU SEASICK?


OH NO.


ITIÁ...
PET... ME?

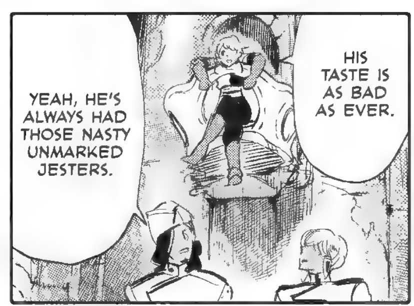

HERE, CALM DOWN.

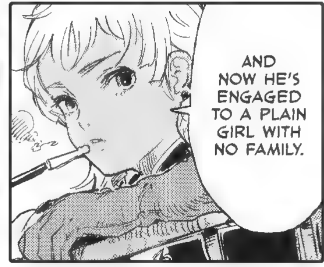

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WELL...
...WHAT ABOUT FÁLAINA?
THERE, THERE.
GROSS.


KEEPING *THAT* AS A PET.
OBSESSING ABOUT AN ISLAND OF PRISONERS.
HAS ORCA LOST IT?


HIS TASTE IS AS BAD AS EVER.
YEAH, HE'S ALWAYS HAD THOSE NASTY UNMARKED JESTERS.


AND NOW HE'S ENGAGED TO A PLAIN GIRL WITH NO FAMILY.

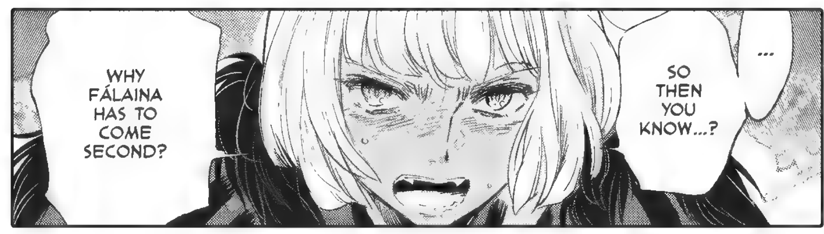

HEY.


WE CAN HEAR YOU!

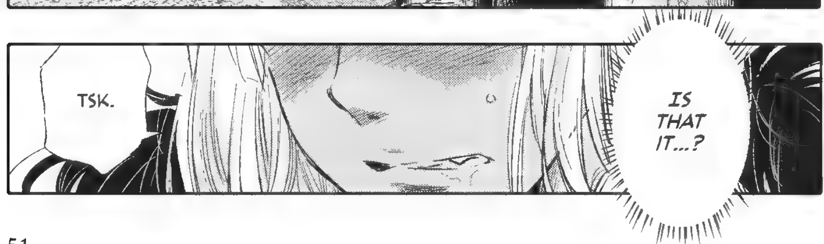

WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE SPIES FOR THE EKKLISÍA AND ATSÁLI...
IT'S OBVIOUS!

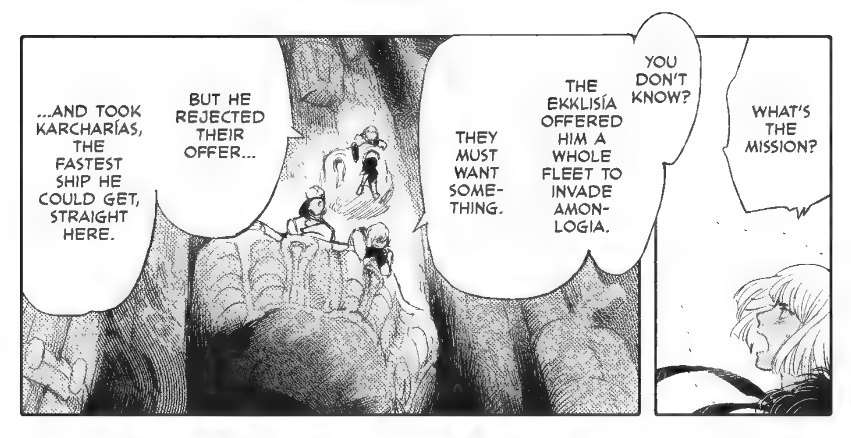

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE HIDING IT.

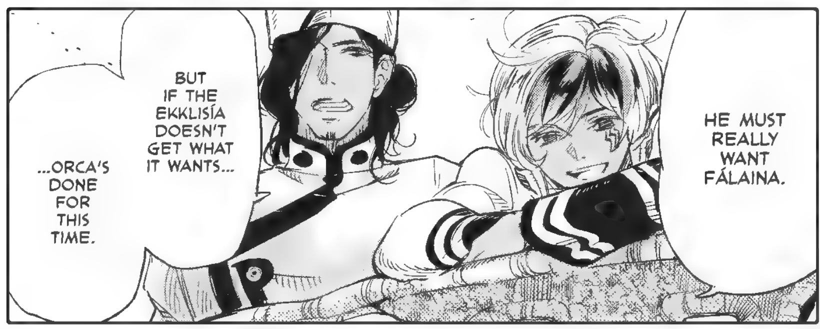

BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, UNCLE ATSÁLI AND THE EKKLISÍA HAVE NO INTEREST IN FÁLAINA.
THAT WEIRDO ORCA IS THE ONLY ONE WHO'S INTEREST-ED...
...IN A SCRAP HEAP OR A LEGENDARY MONSTER.


...
SO THEN YOU KNOW...?
WHY FÁLAINA HAS TO COME SECOND?

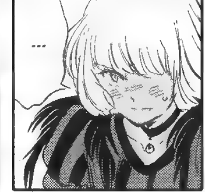

YES, OF COURSE.
HE HAS A MISSION TO COMPLETE BEFORE HE DESTROYS FÁLAINA...
...OR HE WON'T HAVE THE USE OF THE KARCHARÍAS.


IS THAT IT...?
TSK.


WHAT'S THE MISSION?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
THE EKKLISÍA OFFERED HIM A WHOLE FLEET TO INVADE AMON-LOGIA.
THEY MUST WANT SOME-THING.
BUT HE REJECTED THEIR OFFER...
...AND TOOK KARCHARÍAS, THE FASTEST SHIP HE COULD GET, STRAIGHT HERE.

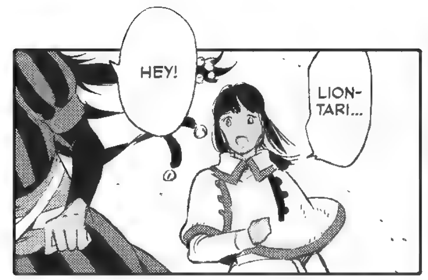

HE MUST REALLY WANT FÁLAINA.
BUT IF THE EKKLISÍA DOESN'T GET WHAT IT WANTS...
...ORCA'S DONE FOR THIS TIME.




...


IF WE FAIL HERE, THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE CHANCES TO GO AFTER FÁLAINA.

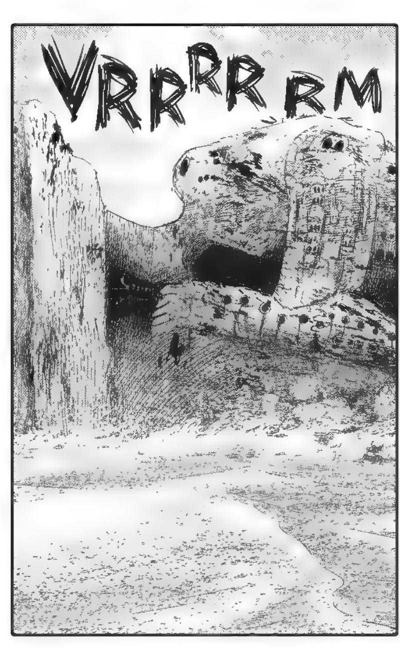

DASH
I'M GOING TO ORCA'S.
JING


LION-TARI...
HEY!


DO YOU KNOW...


...THAT THERE'S A SPY ON FÁLAINA...
...AND SHE'S ORCA'S SISTER?


I DON'T KNOW THAT.


VRRRRRM

At the time, none of us on the Mud Whale...

...realized that the huge, mysterious ship was the Nous battleship Karcharías.











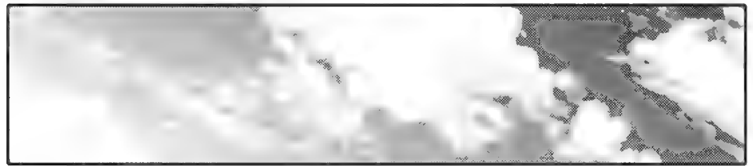


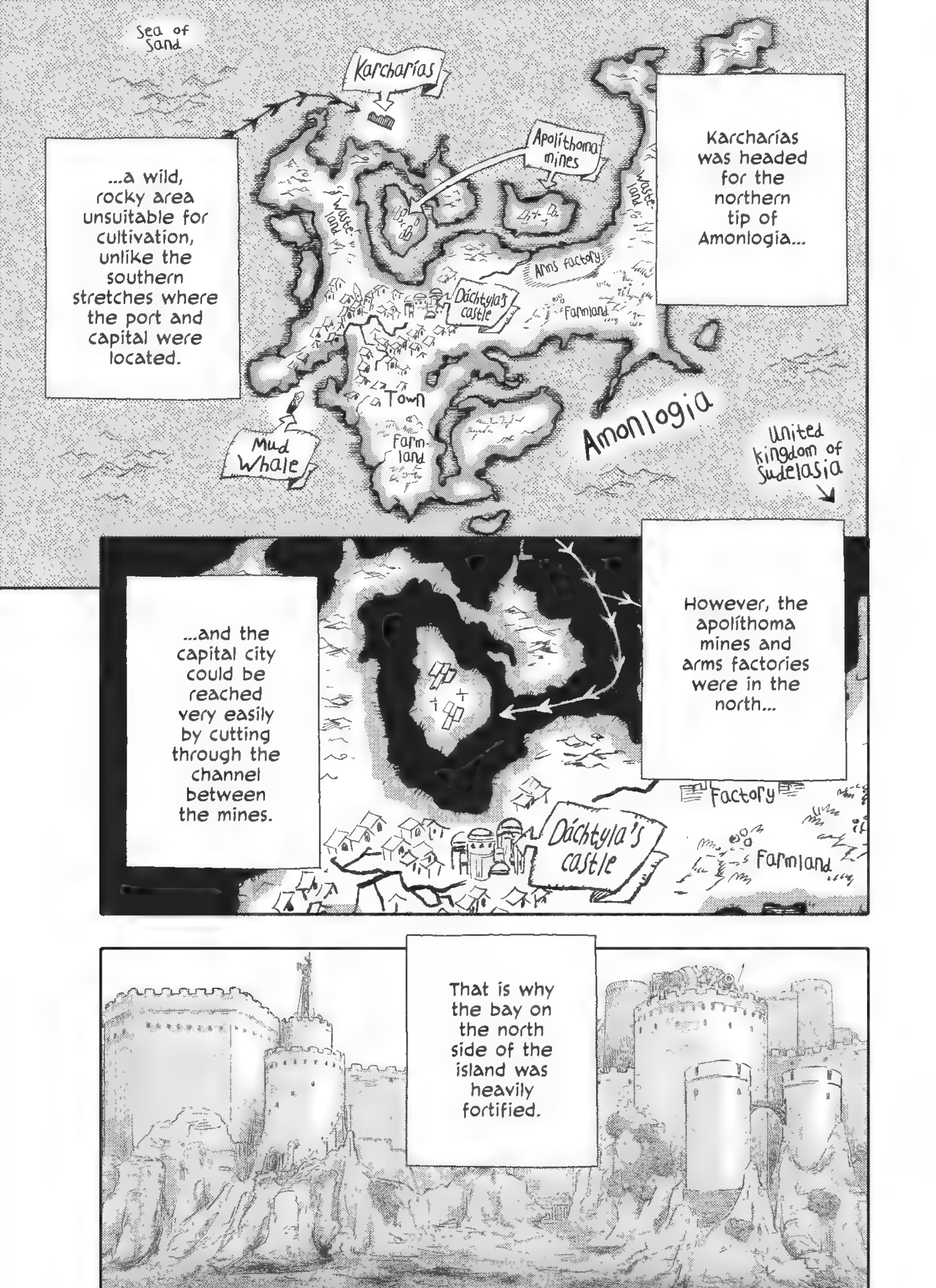
WHO IS COMMAND-ING...

...THAT SHIP?

I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG...

...SIR ORCA.




Karcharías was headed for the northern tip of Amonlogia...
...a wild, rocky area unsuitable for cultivation, unlike the southern stretches where the port and capital were located.
Sea of Sand
Karcharías
Apolíthoma mines
Waste-land
Waste-land
Arms factory
Dáchtyla's castle
Farmland
Town
Farm-land
Mud Whale
Amonlogia
United kingdom of Sudelasia
However, the apolíthoma mines and arms factories were in the north...
...and the capital city could be reached very easily by cutting through the channel between the mines.
Factory
Dáchtyla's castle
Farmland
That is why the bay on the north side of the island was heavily fortified.

THEY'RE IN RANGE.

LET'S GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THE DEÍKTIS CANNON!!

He named it after himself without proper approval.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE LORD DÁCHTYLA'S PERMISSION TO ENGAGE.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THAT.

THEY'VE ALREADY SUNK SEVERAL OF OUR SHIPS!

IF IT'S ONE OF ***THEIR*** SHIPS, WON'T THEY JUST USE MAGIC TO EVADE THE CANNONBALLS...?

HUMPH, THIS ISN'T AN ***ORDINARY*** CANNON.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE AMONLOGIAN TECHNOLOGY.

NO SHIP CAN WITHSTAND THIS!!

KABOOM

BOOM

BOOM

THE FORT IS FIRING ON US.

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

SHING

SHING

SHING

THYMIA COUNTER-MEASURES!





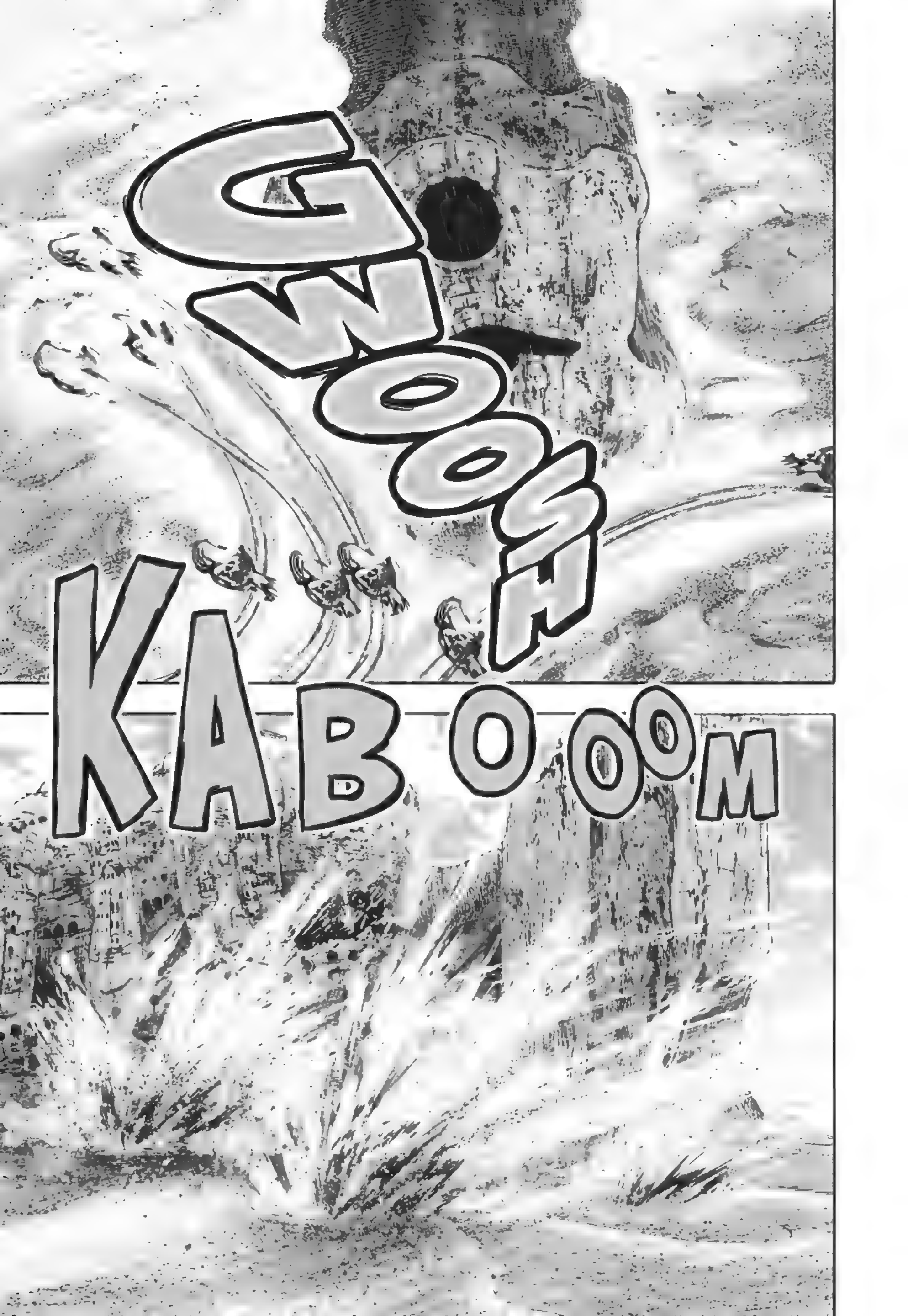




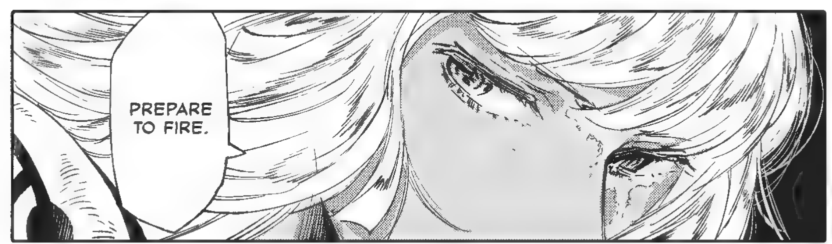


SHING

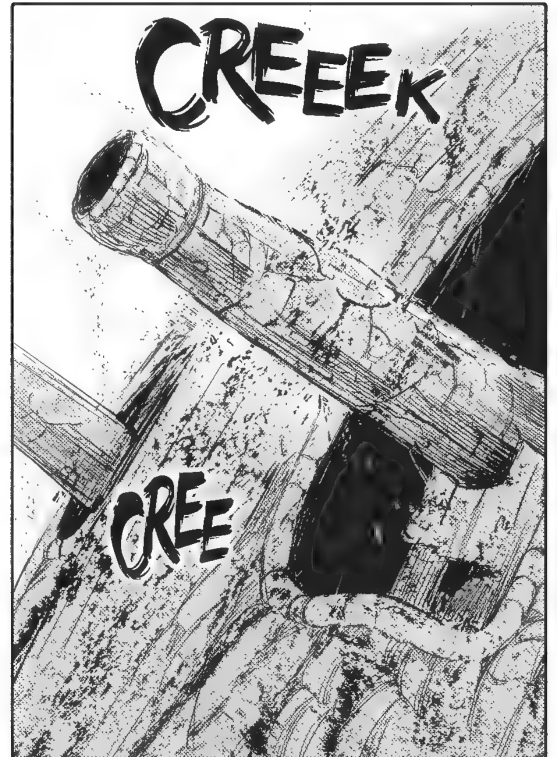



GWOOOSH
KABOOOM


THEY DEFLECTED ...
...THE DEÍKTIS CANNON?!


PREPARE TO FIRE.


PREPARE TO FIRE!


CREEEK
CREE


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

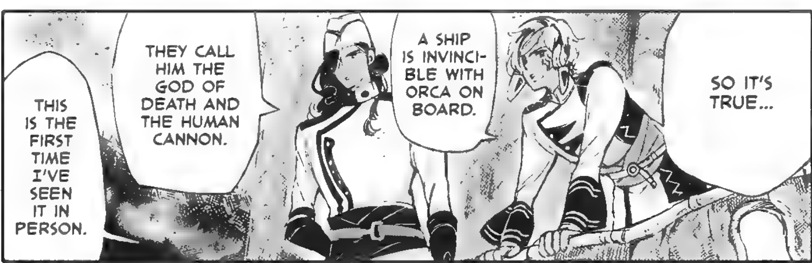
THEY'RE GOING TO FIRE ON US.
DON'T WORRY
THOSE CANNONS ARE DECREPIT ...
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH US.
SHING
?!


WAAAAAAH!




BOOM
BOOM
BOOM


AHHH!
SIR DEIKTIS, YOU NEED TO EVACU-ATE!
DAMN...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

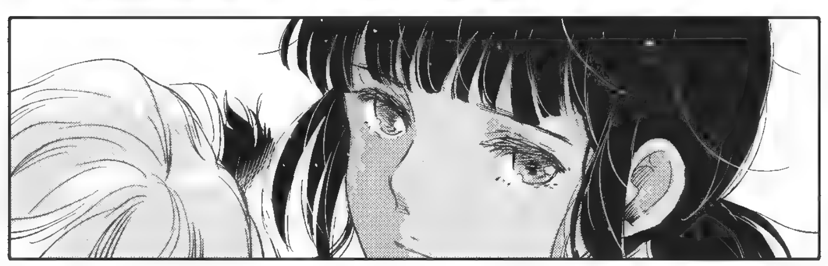

SO IT'S TRUE...
A SHIP IS INVINCIBLE WITH ORCA ON BOARD.
THEY CALL HIM THE GOD OF DEATH AND THE HUMAN CANNON.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT IN PERSON.


HE'S CONSIDERED AS VALUABLE TO A SHIP AS A NOUS.

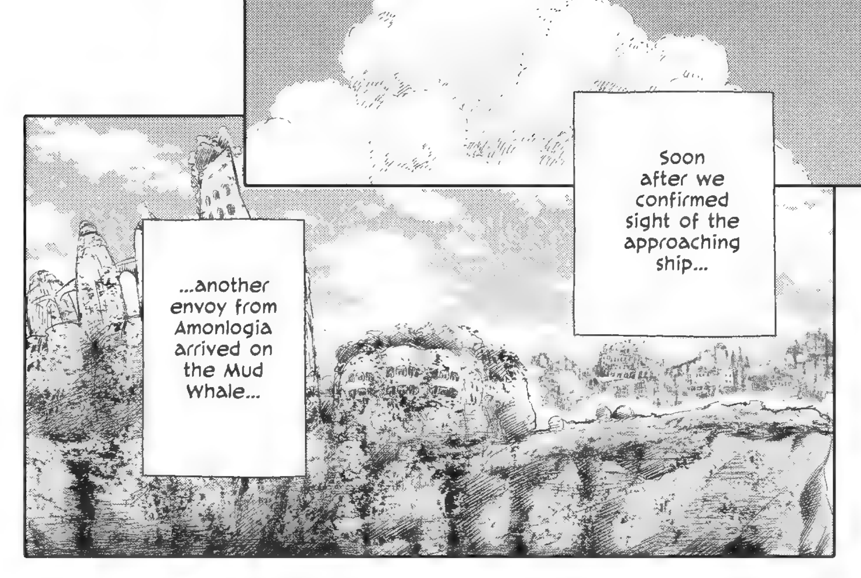

GET ME SOME WATER.

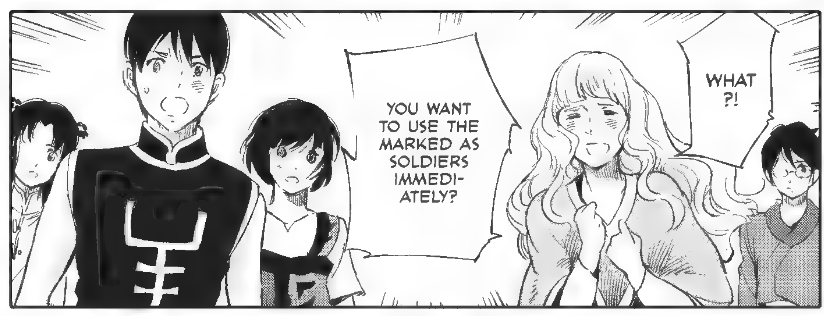

NOW I UNDER-STAND WHY THEY CAN'T GET RID OF HIM...
...EVEN AFTER ALL THOSE BIZARRE INCIDENTS.
HEH HEH HEH...
SIR ORCA IS THE BEST...
I HAVE GOOSE BUMPS...
IT'S OKAY.
WE'LL GO TO FÁLAINA REALLY SOON.

I'LL PLAY ON FÁLAINA REALLY SOON!



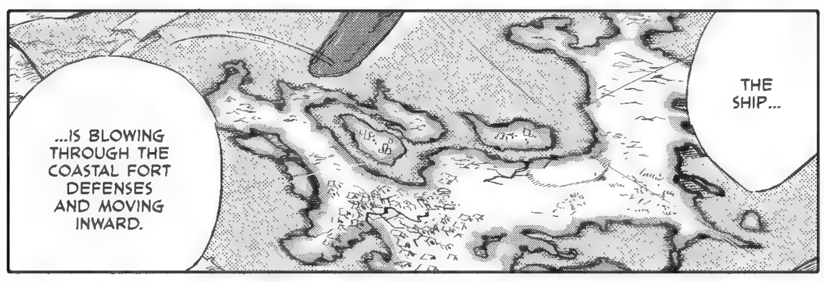


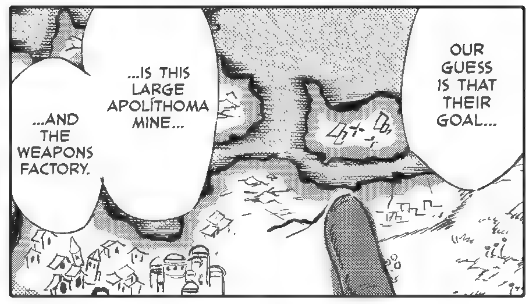

Soon after we confirmed sight of the approaching ship...
...another envoy from Amonlogia arrived on the Mud Whale...

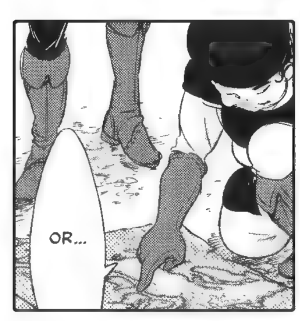

WHAT ?!
YOU WANT TO USE THE MARKED AS SOLDIERS IMMEDI-ATELY?

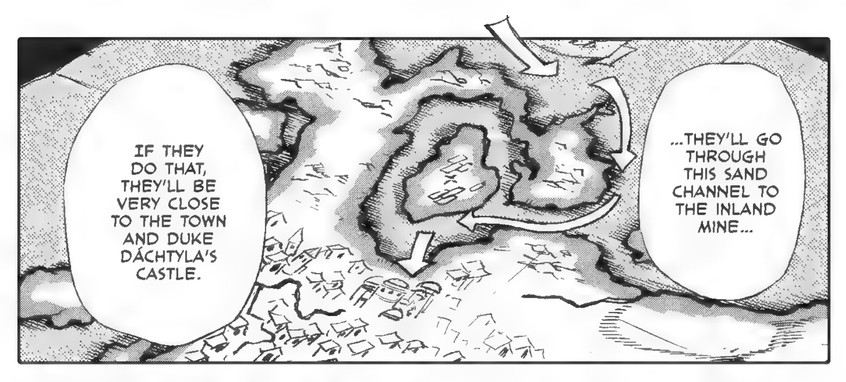

THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND IS BEING ATTACKED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED SHIP.
WE'VE SENT OUT A MESSAGE REQUESTING HELP FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM...
...BUT THIS SHIP IS A MONSTER...
I DON'T THINK HELP WILL GET HERE IN TIME.

THIS IS THE ISLAND OF AMONLOGIA.
THE NORTH SIDE OVER HERE IS A CRUMBLING WASTELAND.
IT'S THAT SHIP WE SAW BEFORE.








...THEY'LL GO THROUGH THIS SAND CHANNEL TO THE INLAND MINE...
IF THEY DO THAT, THEY'LL BE VERY CLOSE TO THE TOWN AND DUKE DÁCHTYLA'S CASTLE.


USUALLY THE BAY DEFENSES ARE LIKE AN IRON WALL.
NONE OF THE LOCAL PIRATES CAN PENETRATE IT.
BUT THIS SHIP IS A MONSTER THAT WIELDS SORCERY.

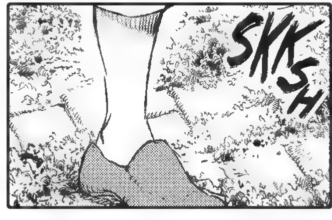

A SHIP... FROM THE EMPIRE?
IT HAS TO BE.


RUSTLE
RUSTLE


DUKE DÁCHTYLA HAS ORDERED...
...THE MUD ISLAND TO IMMEDIATELY PURSUE AND ENGAGE THAT SHIP.


OH NO...
RUSTLE
YOU'VE ALREADY PROMISED TO PROVIDE SOLDIERS.


YES, BUT THAT WAS JUST CHAKURO AND A FEW OTHER VOLUNTEERS.
YOU...


SKKSH

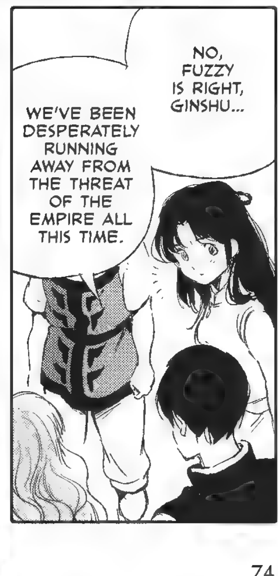

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
FUZZY...

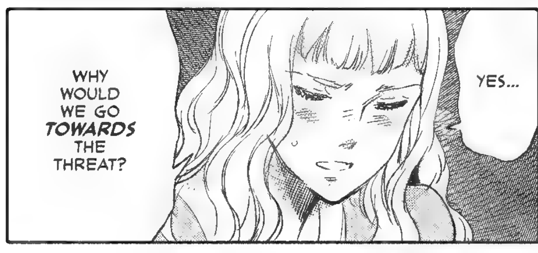

WHY DO *WE* HAVE TO SAVE AMONLOGIA?!
WHAT IS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEADS?


YOU'RE HOLDING THE UNMARKED HOSTAGE AND MAKING ALL THESE AWFUL DEMANDS.

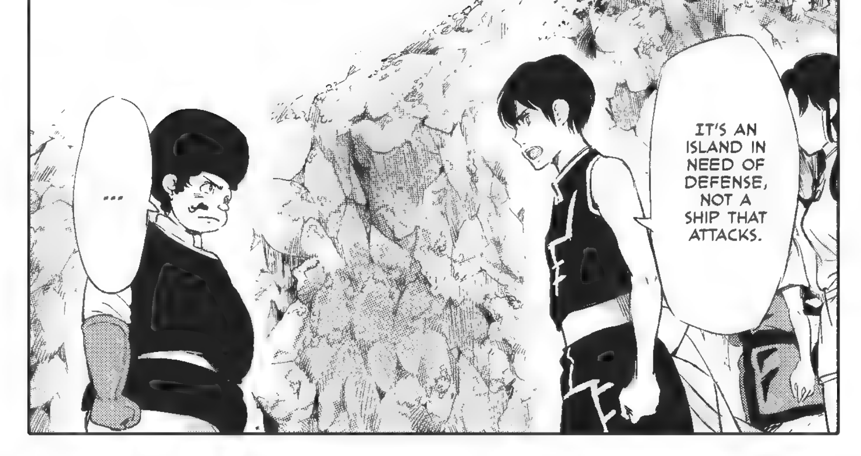

WELL, UMM...


CALM DOWN, FUZZY...
HE ISN'T THE ONE WHO MADE THOSE DECISIONS.
MY NAME'S NOT FUZZY.


NO, FUZZY IS RIGHT, GINSHU...
WE'VE BEEN DESPERATELY RUNNING AWAY FROM THE THREAT OF THE EMPIRE ALL THIS TIME.


YES...
WHY WOULD WE GO *TOWARDS* THE THREAT?


WE WON'T USE THIS ISLAND...
THE MUD WHALE IS NOT A WARSHIP.

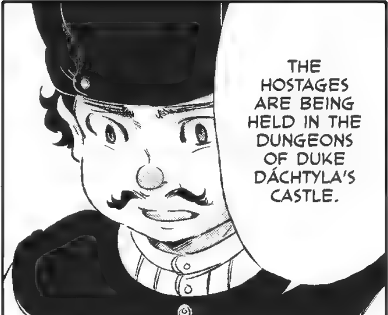

IT'S AN ISLAND IN NEED OF DEFENSE, NOT A SHIP THAT ATTACKS.
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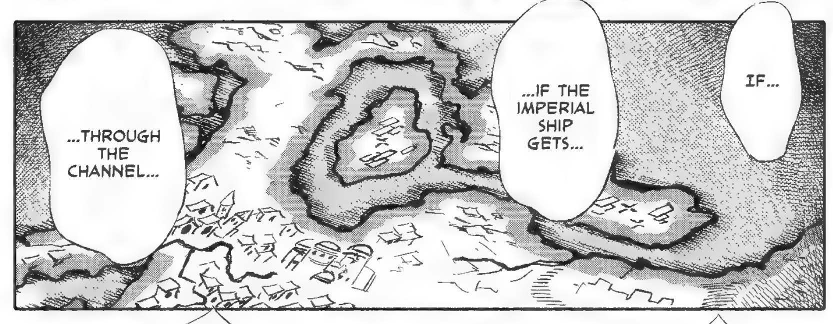

CAN HE DO THAT?
WELL, THE COMMIT-TEE OF ELDERS AND THE UN-MARKED AREN'T HERE.
SO FURANO AND TONOKO, AS THE HEAD OF THE VIGILANTE CORPS, ARE THE ONES WHO MAKE DECISIONS NOW.


...
WAIT A MINUTE.


MY MOM...
WHERE ARE THE UNMARKED BEING KEPT?









The Dark Roar of Cannons -The End-


Chapter 41
Infiltration



WOOOooo

THEY'RE HEADING TOWARD WHERE THE UNMARKED ARE BEING HELD.

WE CAN'T LET THEM.

WE HAVE TO SAVE THE UNMARKED!!


B-BUT, CHAKURO ...
THE MUD WHALE CAN'T PURSUE AN IMPERIAL SHIP.
THE ISLAND ISN'T ARMED...
IT'S NOT LIKE A BATTLE-SHIP.
YOU'LL BE PUTTING THE MUD WHALE IN DANGER...
...IF YOU TRY TO PROTECT THE UNMARKED AND AMONLOGIA.
THERE ARE LITTLE KIDS ON THE ISLAND.
CLENCH
ARE YOU PREPARED TO GAMBLE WITH ALL OUR LIVES?
...

WE WILL PROTECT THE MARKED UNTIL THE END.

THIS IS THE PLEDGE OF THE UNMARKED TO THE MARKED.

...

SUOU...

PLIP

ALL THE UN-MARKED.




DON'T CRY!
I'M NOT CRYING!


YOU ARE SO CRYING!
BLUB
I'M NOT CRYING!!


HEY, FUZZY, QUIT PICKING ON CHAKURO.
I'M NOT PICKING ON HIM, AND IT'S **NOT** FUZZY.


HEY...

...QUIT ARGU-ING.
YOU MADE HIM CRY, SO YOU'RE PICKING ON HIM.
I'M NOT CRYING.
I'M NOT PICKING ON HIM!
SHEESH.

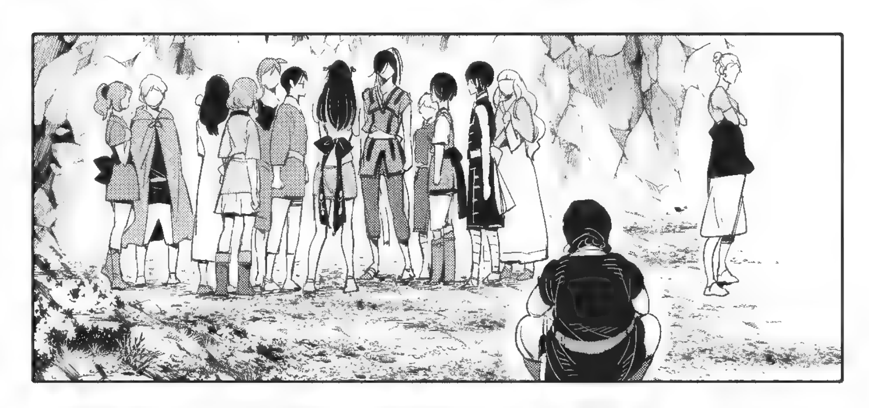

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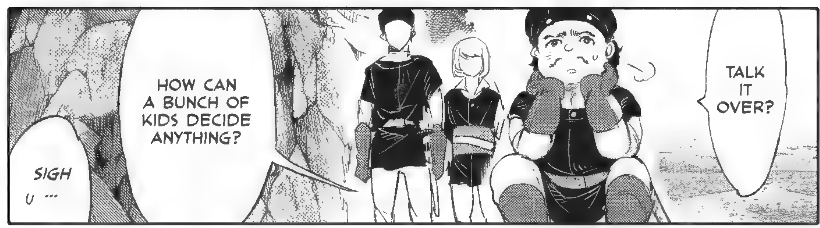

KIDS. ARE THESE UN-REASONABLE KIDS ALL WE HAVE?
WE CAN'T GET ANY-THING DONE LIKE THIS!
JUST MAKE THE MUD WHALE GO!
THOSE ARE DUKE DÁCHTYLA'S ORDERS!


...


HEY.
TELL HIM WE NEED TIME TO TALK IT OVER.
OUNI...

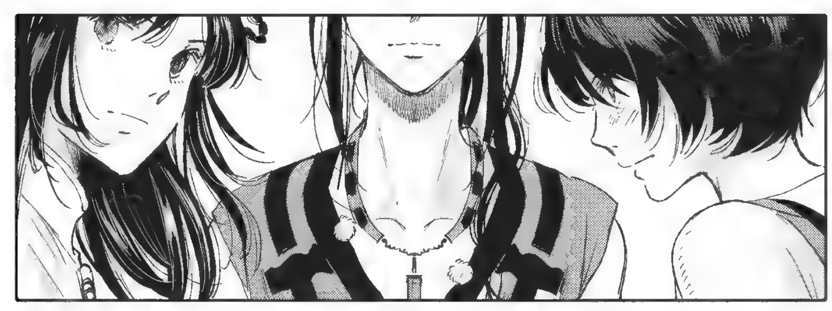

I HAVE AN IDEA.





TALK IT OVER?
HOW CAN A BUNCH OF KIDS DECIDE ANYTHING?
SIGH

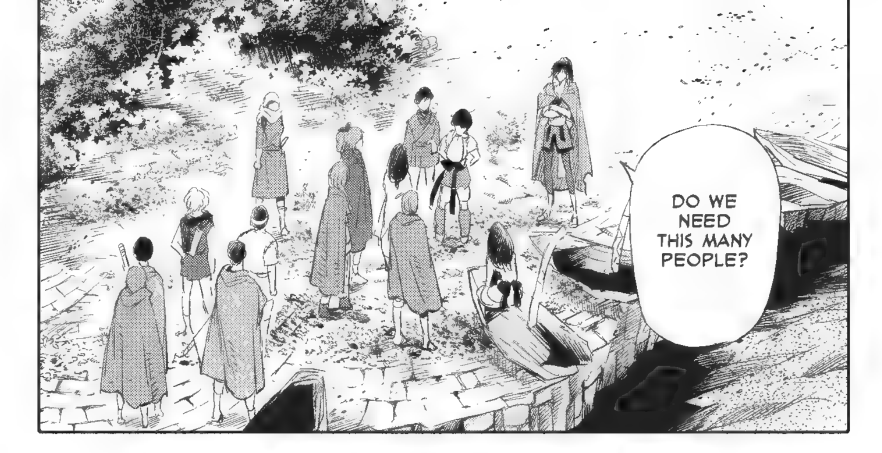





HAVE YOU COME TO A DECISION?
YES.
WE'LL MOVE THE SHIP.
KÓKALO ...


WE'LL STAY ABOARD THE ISLAND AND GUIDE YOU.
OUR ORDERS ARE TO WATCH THE SHIP, ALL RIGHT?
FINE.
SING!
Please find us...
...little travelers who row a mud ship and sleep with the white sand for pillows.


We will meet you in the many layers of time...
...but like a butterfly shedding tears, we can never touch you again.
Even if we try to become one...
LET'S GO!
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...we can only ever be scattered infinitely.

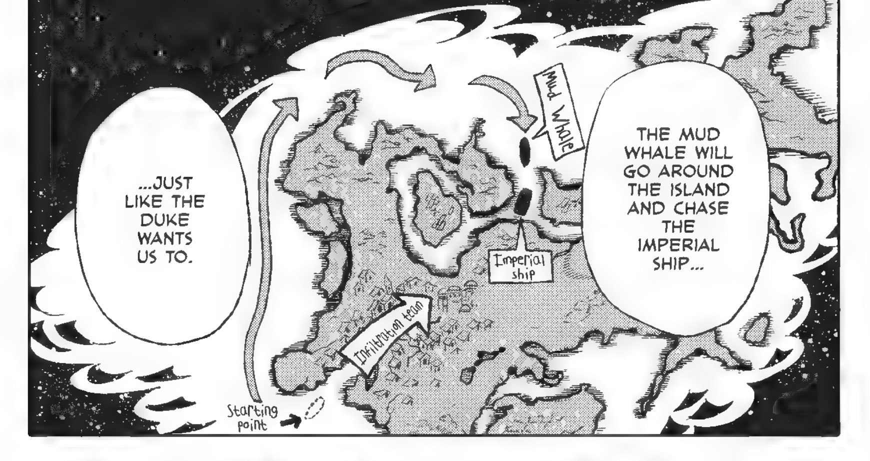




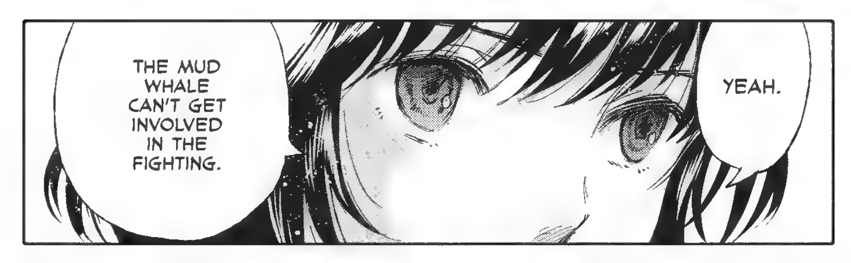


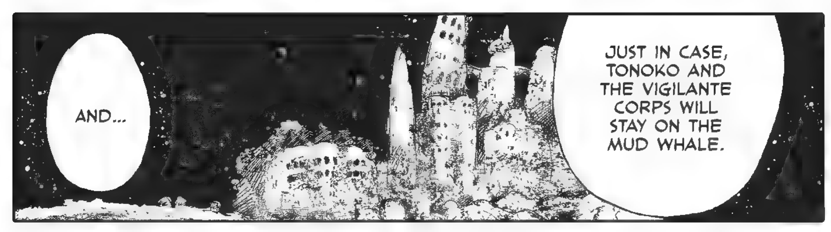
WE'LL INFILTRATE THE INTERIOR OF AMONLOGIA...

...AND SAVE THE UNMARKED.


THE MUD WHALE WILL GO AROUND THE ISLAND AND CHASE THE IMPERIAL SHIP...
...JUST LIKE THE DUKE WANTS US TO.
Mud Whale
Imperial ship
Infiltration team
Starting point


OF COURSE, IT WILL GO AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE...
...SO IT DOESN'T CATCH UP WITH THEM.


YEAH.
THE MUD WHALE CAN'T GET INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING.


JUST IN CASE, TONOKO AND THE VIGILANTE CORPS WILL STAY ON THE MUD WHALE.
AND...

...THE INFILTRATION TEAM, THAT'S US...

...WILL MEET UP WITH THE MUD WHALE...

...AFTER WE'VE RESCUED THE UNMARKED.




IT'S CRAZY.


NOT...
...IF WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS CAUSED BY THE IMPERIAL ATTACK.


WHAT OTHER IDEAS DO YOU HAVE?
DO YOU WANT THE MUD WHALE TO GO UP AGAINST THE IMPERIAL SHIP?
ABANDON THE UNMARKED AND RUN AWAY FROM THE EMPIRE *AND* AMONLOGIA?

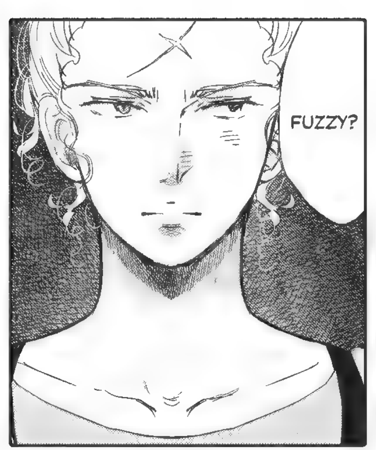

NO WAY!


THAT'S NOT HAP-PENING!


NO, THAT'S *NOT* HAPPENING.


NO!
WE'RE GOING TO BE TOGETHER, THE UNMARKED AND US.
TMP

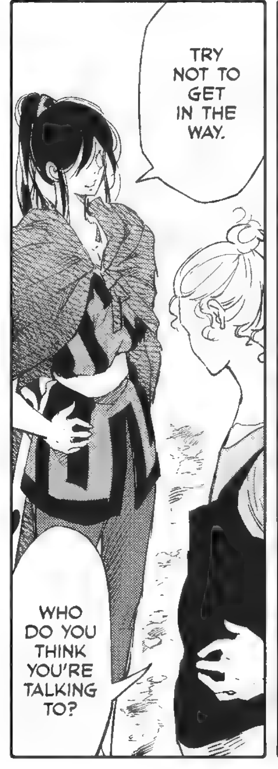


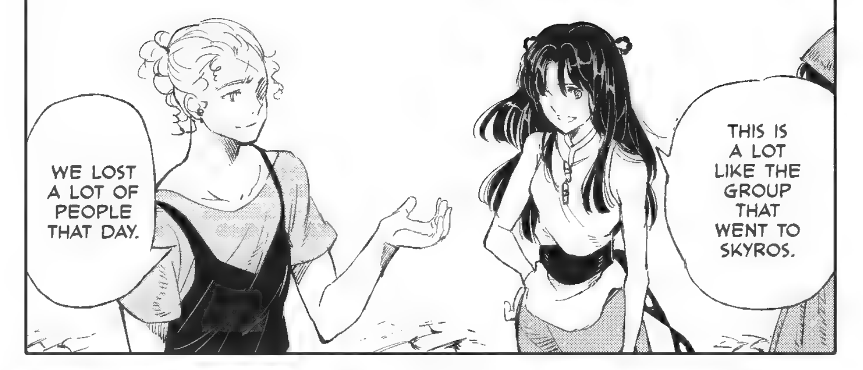

FUZZY?


I WANT TO JOIN THE INFILTRATION TEAM.

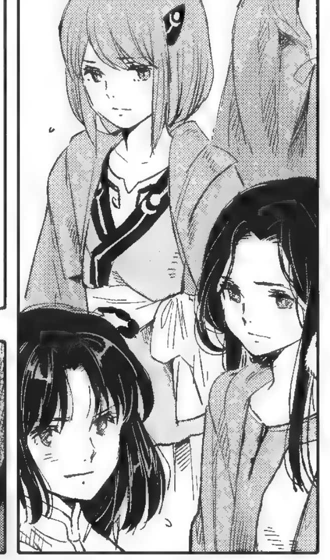

ARE YOU SURE?


IF YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE...
...THEN THE MUD WHALE WILL HAVE TO BATTLE THE IMPERIAL SHIP, AND THIS TIME IT REALLY WILL BE OVER.


TRY NOT TO GET IN THE WAY.
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

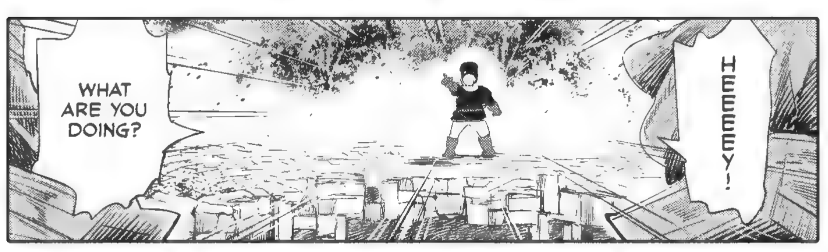

THIS IS A LOT LIKE THE GROUP THAT WENT TO SKYROS.
WE LOST A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DAY.

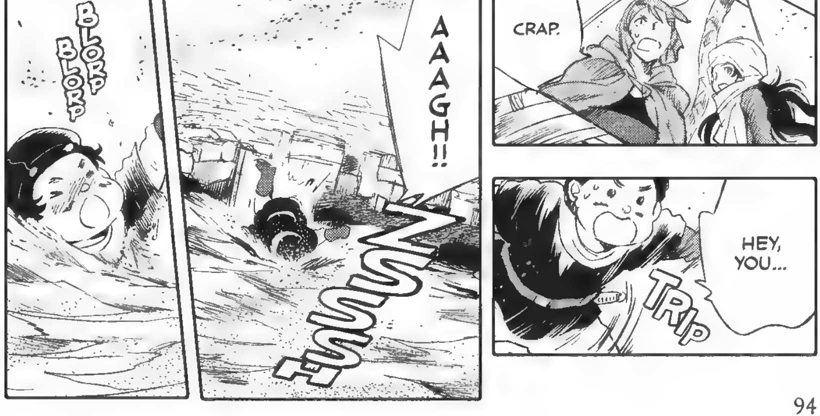


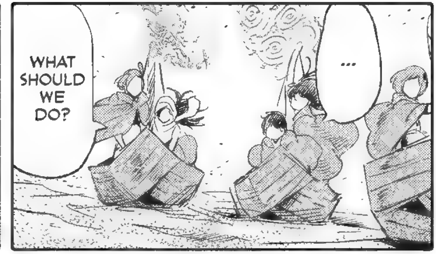





HYUUN
LET'S GO.
HYUUN


HEEEEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


CRAP.
HEY, YOU...
TRIP
AAAGH!!
BLORP BLORP

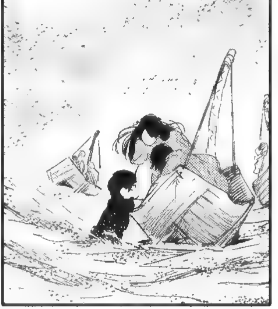

...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?


FWIP


BUT HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
HE'LL DIE IF WE LEAVE HIM THERE.
YEAH.
HE KIND OF LOOKS LIKE A DUMPLING, AND HE SEEMS REALLY NICE.

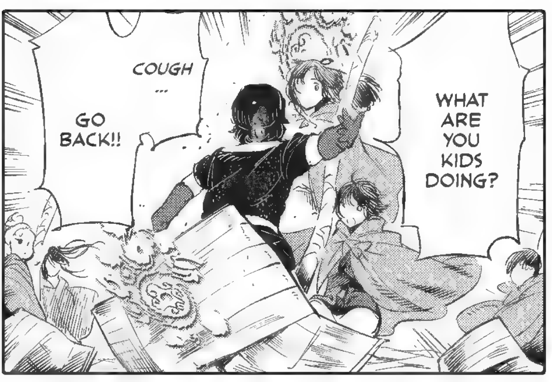

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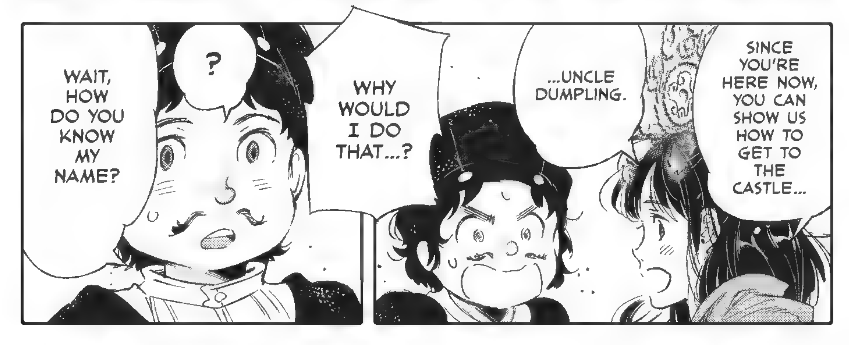

SPLUTTER, SPLUTTER ...
...COUGH, COUGH.




OHH... OH...

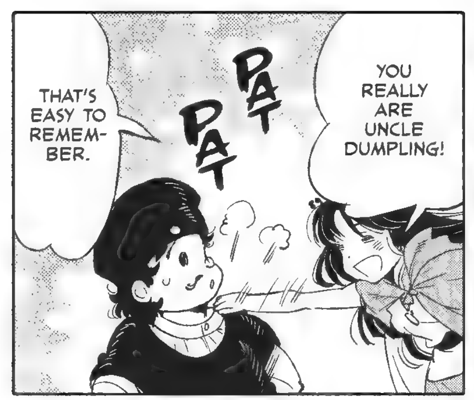

I KNEW SAVING HIM WOULD MAKE THINGS MESSY.


WHAT ARE YOU KIDS DOING?
COUGH ...
GO BACK!!


SINCE YOU'RE HERE NOW, YOU CAN SHOW US HOW TO GET TO THE CASTLE...
...UNCLE DUMPLING.
WHY WOULD I DO THAT...?
?
WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?


HUH?
WELL, YOU LOOK LIKE A DUMPLING, SO...
GINSHU.
SNAP


MY NAME...
...IS DUMPLING SFAÍRA.







You need to turn back!

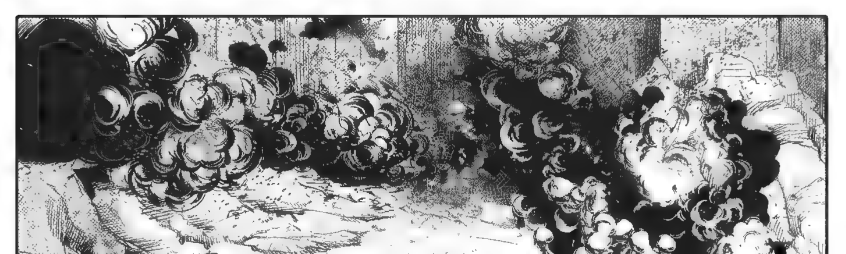


OUNI ...
I'M GLAD...
...YOU'RE GETTING TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

IF ONLY IT WASN'T UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...
IF ONLY NIBI, SAMI AND MASOH WERE HERE.
IF ONLY...

That was how we stepped foot on foreign soil for the first time.





I'M FINE—PLEASE LET ME DOWN...

...SIR DEIKTIS.

I DON'T MIND...

YOU'RE INJURED.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IS IT BURNED?

HUH?






IS IT BURNED?
HUH? IS WHAT ...?
THAT SHIP...
...HAS ALTERED COURSE TOWARDS THE SAND CHANNEL.
WE THINK ITS OBJECTIVE MAY BE THE CAPITAL.
TCH...
THIS ISN'T GOOD.

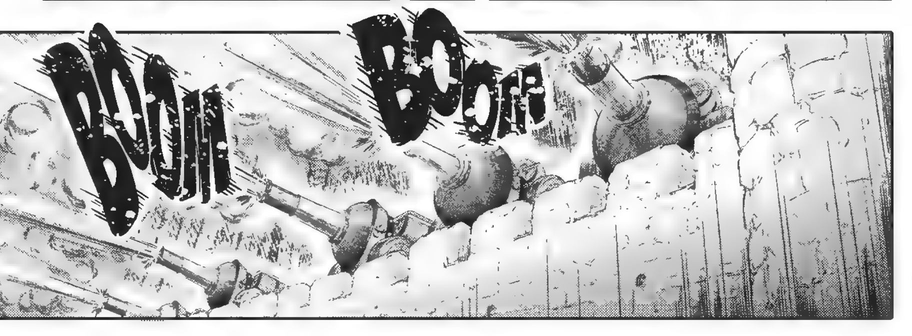

ZSSSH
WELL...
...DEÍKTIS IS USELESS AND STUPID.
SO I'LL STEP IN.
SIR PARÁMESOS.
GO AHEAD, FIRE AT WILL.


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SHING
GYUUUN


THEY'RE USING SORCERY TO REPEL THE ARTILLERY!
THE MORE WE FIRE, THE MORE DANGEROUS IT BECOMES FOR US.
WOW, THAT SHIP REALLY IS AS COOL AS THE REPORTS SAY.
BUT...
BOOM
BOOM




SEE, ATTACKING FROM BOTH SIDES WORKS!


BOOM
BOOM

VRR RRMM

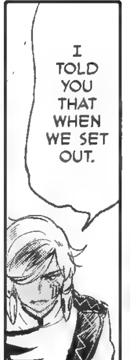

BOOM
BOOM
COM-MANDER ORCA!

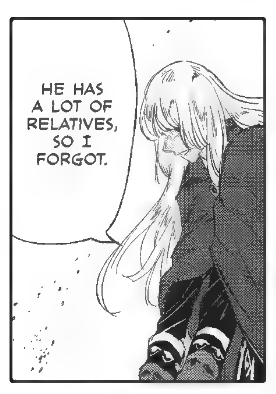

YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
...IF YOU SINK KARCHARÍAS AFTER SKYROS ALREADY WENT DOWN.


THEY'RE AIMING AT US FROM BOTH SHORES...
EVEN *YOU* CAN'T DEFLECT EVERYTHING SINGLE-HANDEDLY.

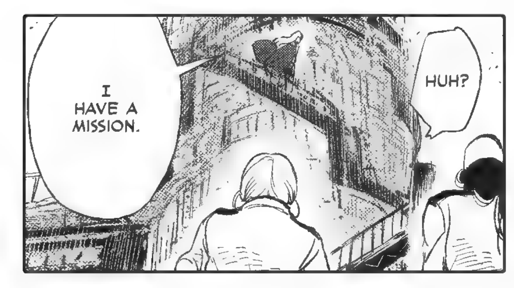

IF THE SHIP GOES DOWN, IT'S SUICIDE FOR THE BOTH OF US.
OF COURSE I KNOW...


CHALKÓS ...
YOU'RE COMMANDER ATSÁLI'S NEPHEW, RIGHT?


I TOLD YOU THAT WHEN WE SET OUT.

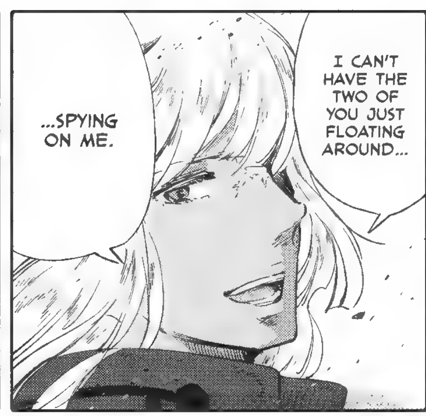

HE HAS A LOT OF RELATIVES, SO I FORGOT.


I'M LEAVING.


HUH?
I HAVE A MISSION.

BROÚTZOS ...
THE EKKLISÍA APPOINTED YOU SECOND-IN-COMMAND...
...SO YOU'LL PROTECT THE SHIP WHILE I'M GONE, WON'T YOU?


YOU NEED TO GET TO WORK.
TROMP TROMP


I CAN'T HAVE THE TWO OF YOU JUST FLOATING AROUND...
...SPYING ON ME.


BOOM
BOOM
HMPH.
I HOPE HE GETS HIT BY A STRAY BULLET.

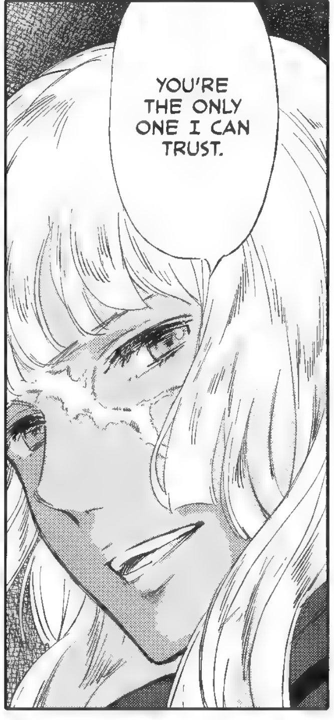


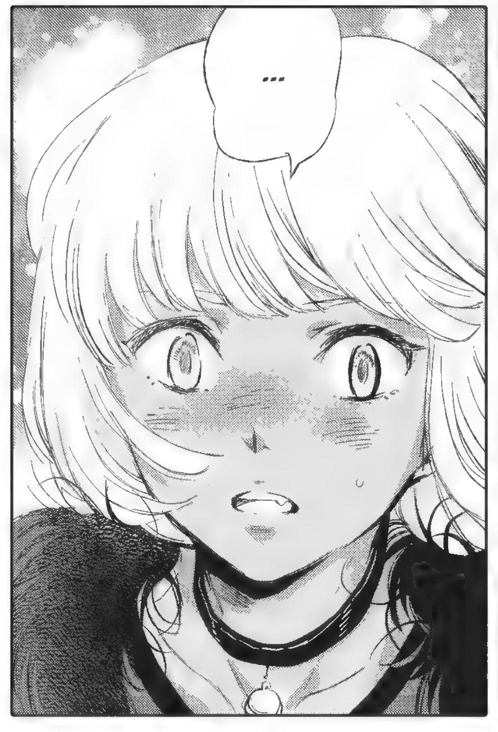

IS HE GOING ALONE ON THIS MISSION OF HIS?


ORCA!


YOU'RE LEAV-ING?
BUT IT'S DANGER-OUS!

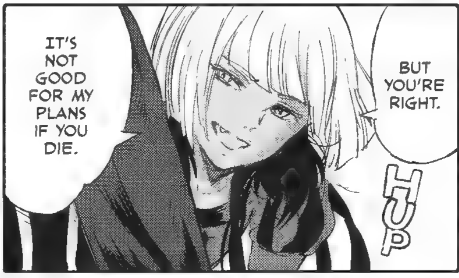

WILL YOU COME WITH ME...
...LIONTARI?

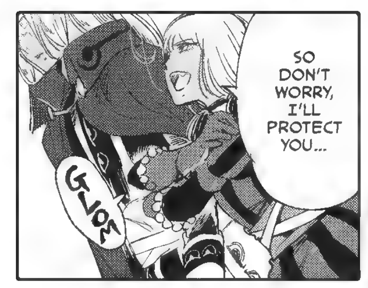

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TRUST.

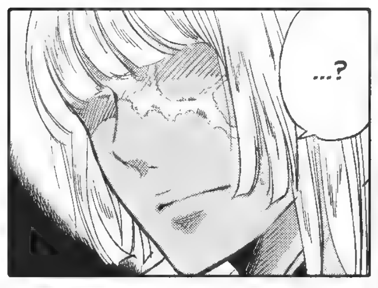

...


SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.


YOU CAN'T GET TO FÁLAINA WITHOUT ME, RIGHT?


BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.
HUP
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MY PLANS IF YOU DIE.


SO DON'T WORRY, I'LL PROTECT YOU...
GLOM

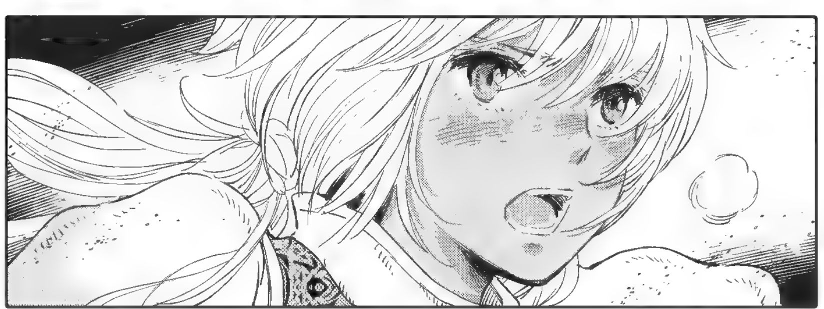

...?


...BIG BROTHER.


GASP

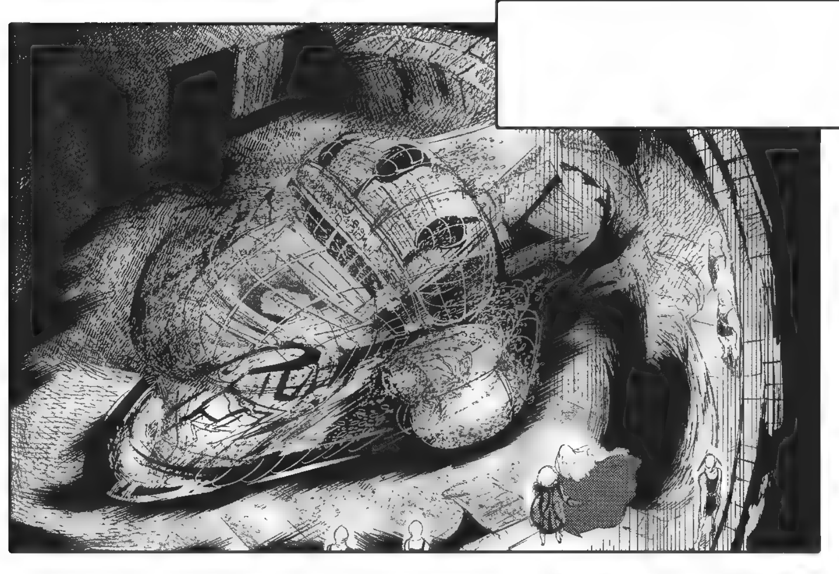


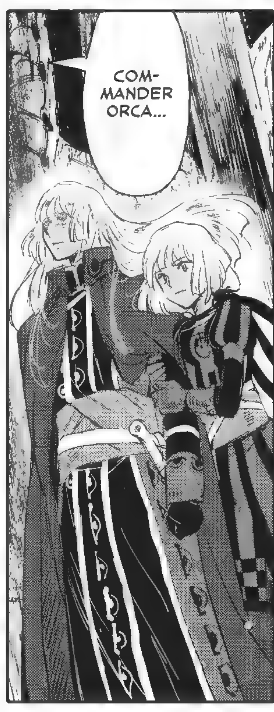




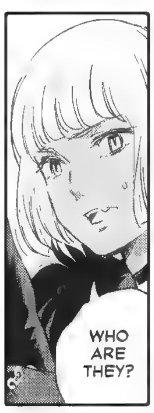

HEY, SIS...
THAT GIRL...





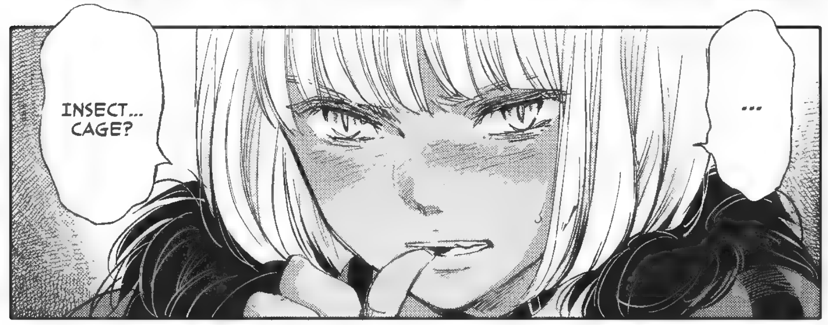

COM-
MANDER
ORCA...


WE'LL
ACCOM-
PANY YOU,
PER YOUR
ORDERS.
SHF


WHO
ARE
THEY?

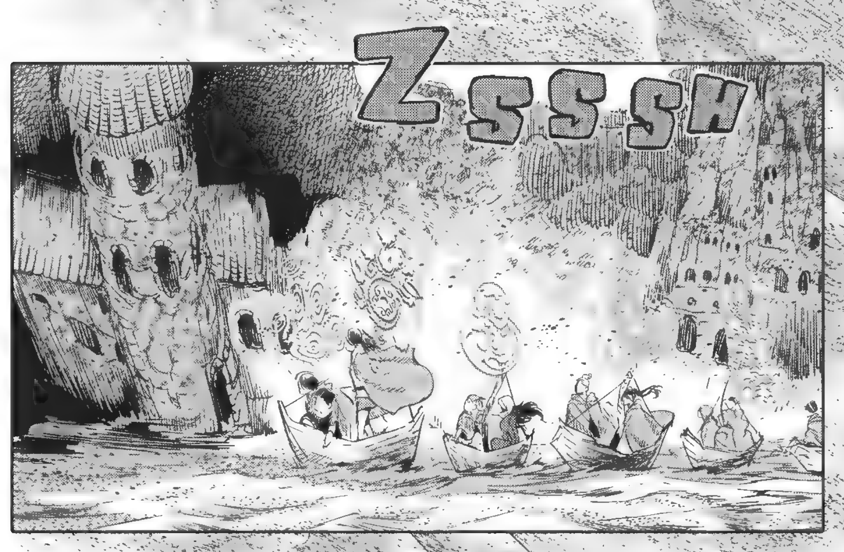

I'M
ENTRUSTING
MY LIFE
TO YOU
CHILDREN.
HUH?

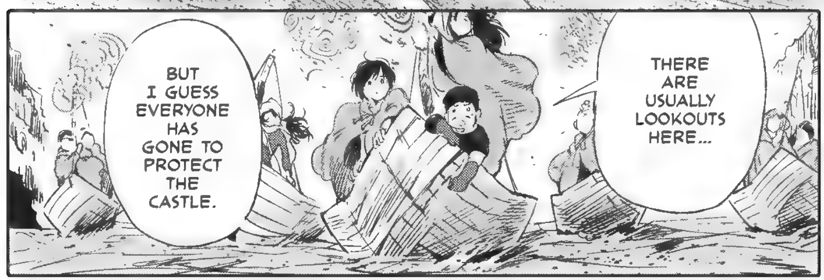
MEET THE INSECT CAGE.



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Chapter 42
Hero of the Rebellion


ZSSSH


THERE ARE USUALLY LOOKOUTS HERE...
BUT I GUESS EVERYONE HAS GONE TO PROTECT THE CASTLE.




LOOK, SHIPS!

THE MERCHANT SHIPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FLEEING.

BOOM BOOM

I CAN HEAR CANNON FIRE IN THE DISTANCE.




Flowers bursting with color...
...fragrant, jewellike fruit...
...implements of many shapes and sizes arrayed like musical instruments...
The outside world flowed past on a river of sand.


It felt like a scene out of a dream.
Everyone else was running from the threat...
...and we were the only ones headed towards it.


WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?


WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THE UNMARKED.

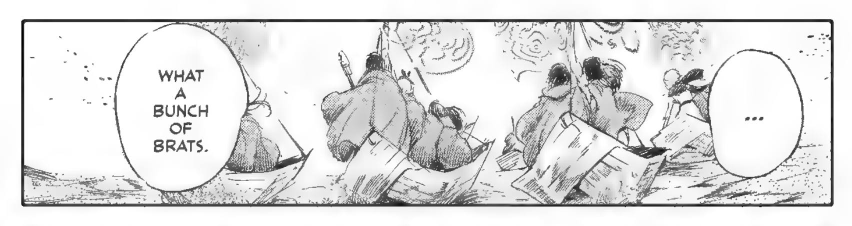

GINSHU ...
...YOU *TOLD* HIM?


...

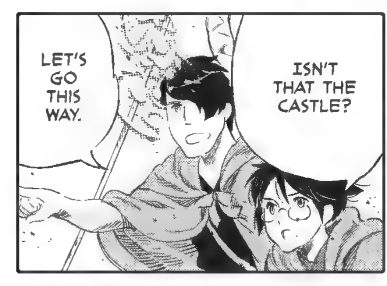

LET'S GO.


NO...
WHEN WE GET TO THE CASTLE, I'LL GO REPORT TO DUKE DÁCHTYLA.


WHATEVER YOU DO, UNCLE, WE'RE GOING TO SAVE OUR FRIENDS.


WHAT A BUNCH OF BRATS.
...




ISN'T THAT THE CASTLE?
LET'S GO THIS WAY.


THAT BIG BUILDING OVER THERE...


THERE ARE A LOT OF WALLS THAT WAY.
...



PONY-TAIL...
GET DOWN!
?
BANG
BANG
BANG
AHHHHH!
BANG
BANG
THEY'RE WARY OF YOU BECAUSE YOU DESTROYED THAT SHIP.



WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING...?

IT'S DUKE DÁCHTYLA ...

BANG

BANG

HE SAYS...

...YOU'RE THE THANÁTAS.


HYUUN
GET RID OF THEIR WEAPONS!
BUT...
BANG
BANG
WHOA!
SHUP
HYUUN
OUNI.


AAAAAH!


HIDE!

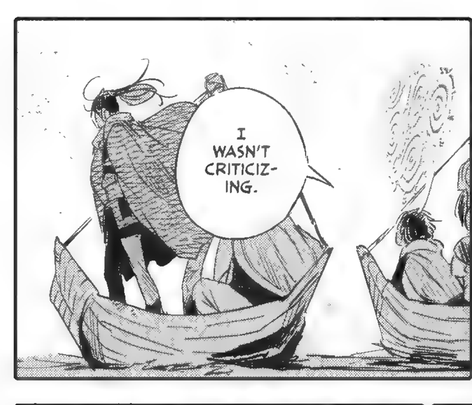

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AAAAH!

AAAAH!

OUNI...


JUST THE WEAPONS ...

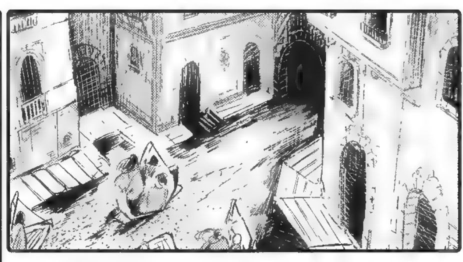

THE BOAT ISN'T STABLE ENOUGH TO TARGET JUST THE WEAPONS.

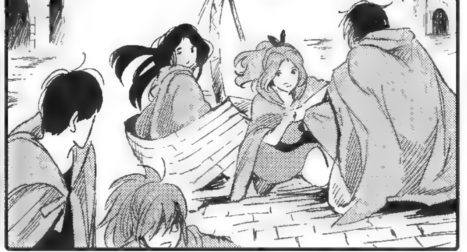

I WASN'T CRITICIZ-ING.


I KNOW.


HEY...
WE'LL BE LIKE FLOAT-ING TAR-GETS...
...IF WE STAY IN THIS BOAT!
OHHH
LET'S GET OUT AND INTO THE SHADOWS OF THE BUILDINGS.


Let me go!






DASH
HEY...
DO YOU THINK THE UNMARKED ARE OKAY IN ALL THIS CHAOS?
...

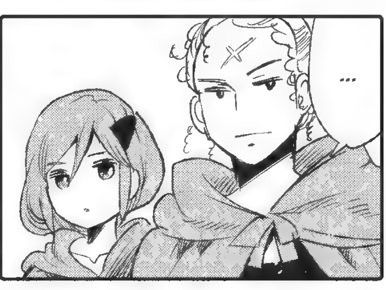
TH-THEY SHOULD BE FINE FOR THE TIME BEING.
DUKE DÁCHTYLA WENT OUT TO COMMAND THE TROOPS PROTECTING THE ROUTE THE ENEMY SHIP WILL MOST LIKELY USE.

THE HOSTAGES WON'T BE HURT WITH-OUT ORDERS FROM DUKE DÁCHTYLA...
...SO AS LONG AS HE'S NOT AROUND...

UNCLE ...
...IT'S SO KIND OF YOU TO TELL US THAT!

N-NO!!


I-I'M GOING TO REPORT THIS TO DUKE DÁCHTYLA RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE HOSTAGES AFTER THAT.


...


GINSHU...
...DON'T LET GO OF HIM.


FWAK
GOT IT.

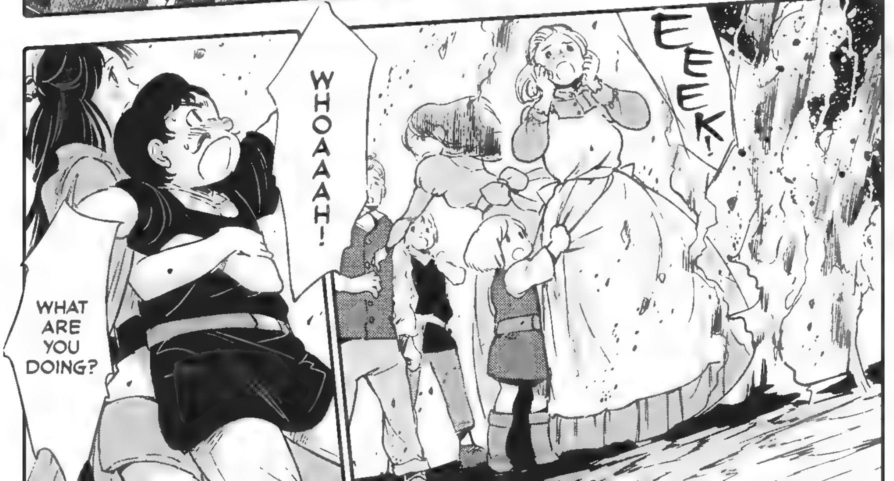

NOOO! LET GO OF ME!


YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO NICE...
...AND TOLD US EVERY-THING.


BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
FWAP
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US FROM THE TOWERS!
BANG



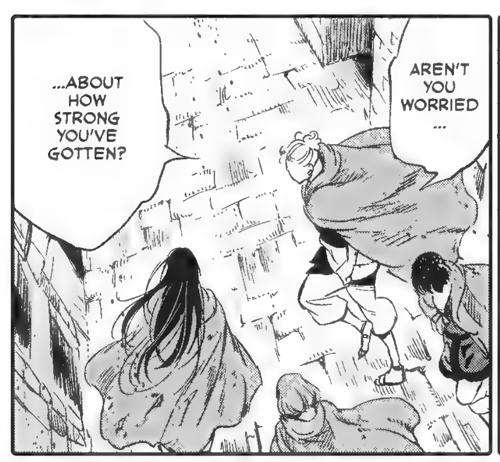
RMMMBBBL



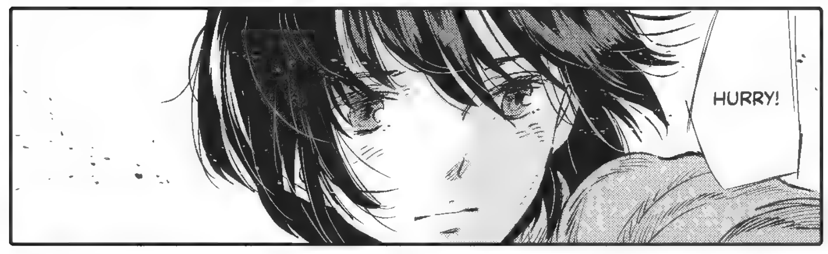
HUFF
HUFF




OUNI.
NEVER MIND, JUST RUN!
GASP


AREN'T YOU WORRIED ...
...ABOUT HOW STRONG YOU'VE GOTTEN?


YOU COULD HOLD BACK A LITTLE, YOU KNOW?
I KNOW.


HURRY!


We didn't like...
... violence or hurting people.
But we were all excited.


OUNI IS OUR HERO!
WE'RE GOING TO GO RESCUE THE UNMARKED!
THE PEOPLE OF AMONLOGIA AREN'T ALL BAD...
I KNOW IT'S NOT RIGHT TO HURT THEM.
BUT...


...WITH OUNI HERE, WE CAN DO ANYTHING!
Was that feeling of omni-potence...
...real or imagined?

SUOU,
WE'RE
COMING.




GASP
?

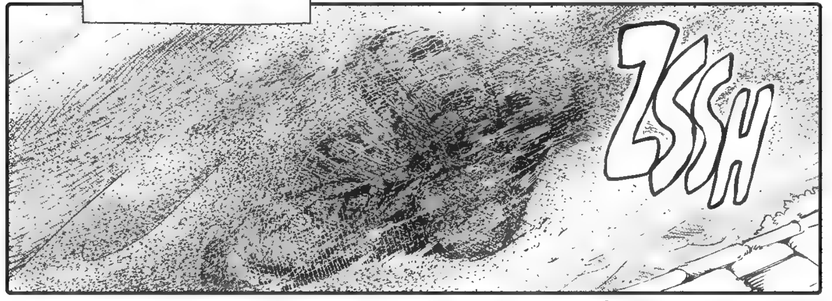
Karcharías
Orca
Lykos
Infiltration team
Mud Whale

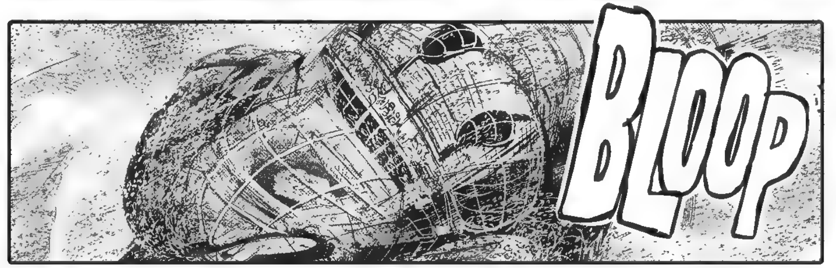
The infiltration team was moving through the town, toward Duke Dáchtyla's castle.

Lykos was headed to the wide sand channel to confirm that the imperial ship was Karcharías...

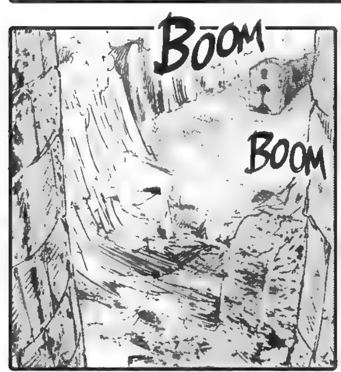
...and Lykos's brother Orca, with a few guards...

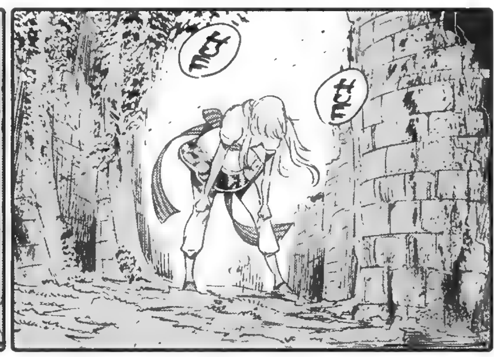
...was about to enter the town using a subharenian vehicle powered by thymia.

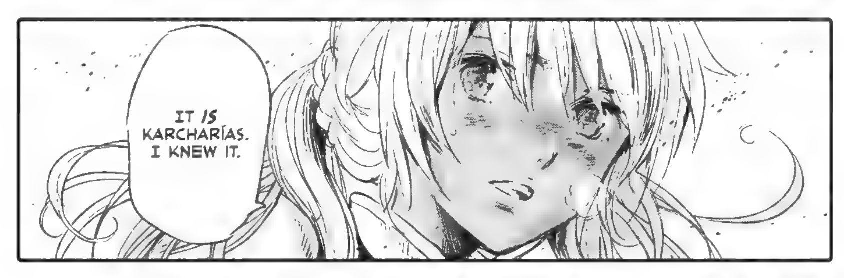





DASH
DASH


BOOM
BOOM




IT IS KARCHARÍAS. I KNEW IT.


A SUB-HARENIAN VEHICLE?

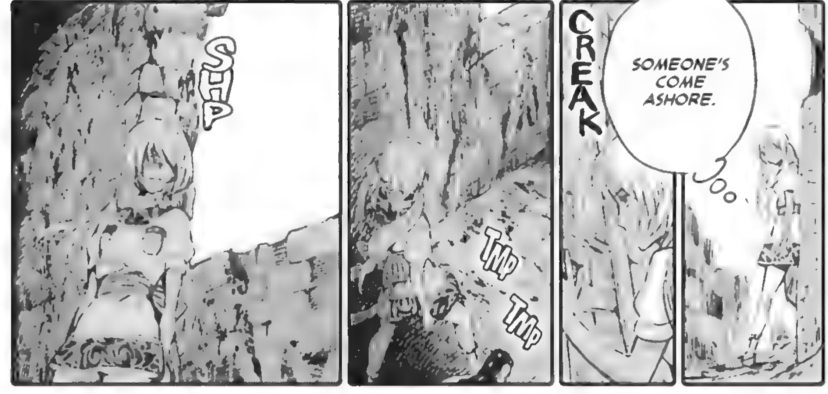
GASP

BANG

BANG

BANG

BANG





HE'S...

KYUU

...ALIVE.


CLENCH
HE'S COME AFTER FÁLAINA...
...AND EVERYONE ON IT AGAIN.


YOU'RE...
...DETER-
MINED TO
TORMENT...
...THE
PEOPLE
OF THE
MUD
WHALE...
GLARE


BANG
BANG
THMP
TMP
SHUP
DASH

WAIT...

...ORCA!

I WON'T LET YOU GO...

I WON'T LET YOU GET THEM!



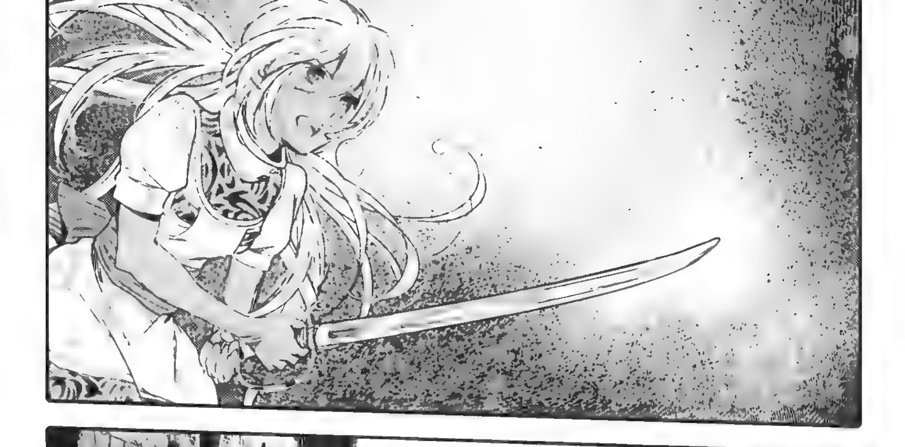

I'LL...



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ORCA ...

... WAIT!!




Chapter 43
Children of the Seventh Settlement

HYUUN

THE KID WHO WAS WITH ORCA.

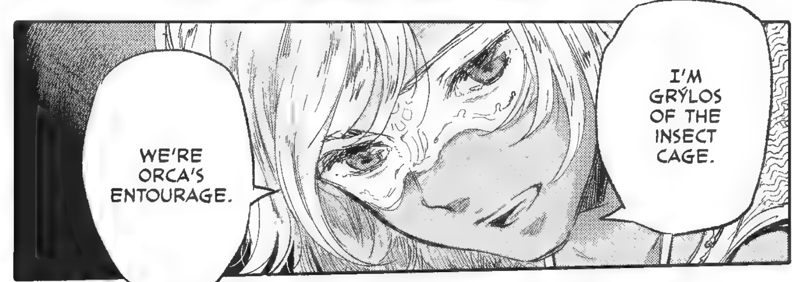

NO...
LET ME THROUGH!
HY
UUN


HY
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!
UUN
LISTEN TO ME!


YOU'RE HIS DOLL, RIGHT?
LET ME SEE HIM.
GLARE
FWING
UGH!
THWAK

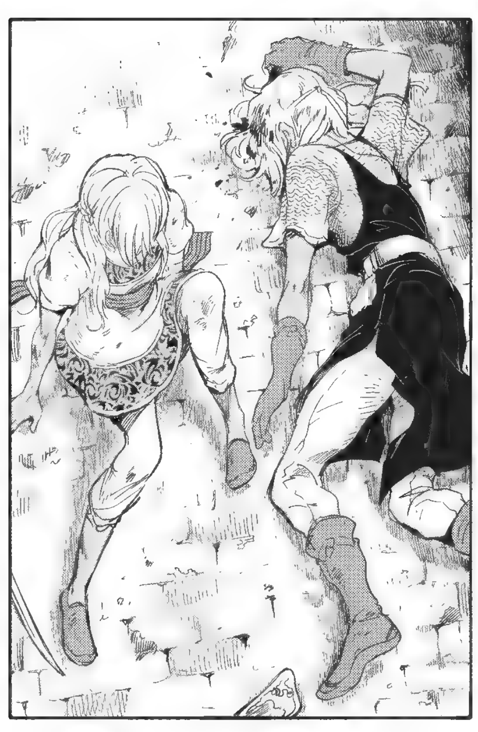

HYUUN
HYUUN
I WAS LIKE YOU...
FWSH
THAT'S WHY...
...I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
!!
SKKSH
THUD

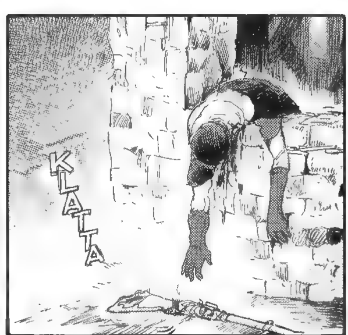

WHO...
...ARE YOU?
CHAK
WHY DID YOU COME AFTER US?


I'M GRÝLOS OF THE INSECT CAGE.
WE'RE ORCA'S ENTOURAGE.


ON HIS ORDERS...
...WE ANNIHILATE ALL HIS ENEMIES...
OH!
!
BANG
BANG

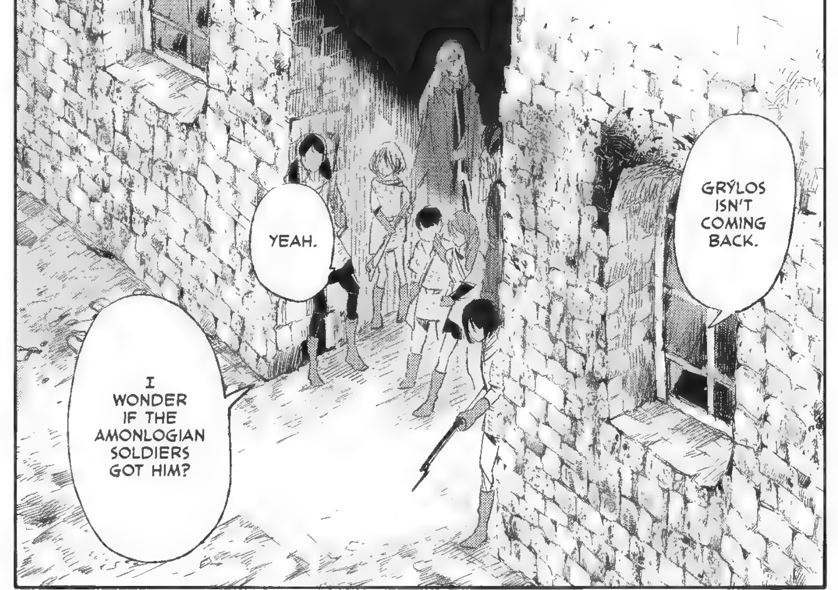





KLATTA


THUD




GRÝLOS ISN'T COMING BACK.
YEAH.
I WONDER IF THE AMONLOGIAN SOLDIERS GOT HIM?


PROB-ABLY.


YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE HIM?


HEH HEH


WHAT'S SO FUNNY?


LET'S GO.
OKAY.


DASH


NOTHING ...
...IT'S JUST SUCH AN APÁTHEIA MOVE.
SHING


GLARE
JESTERS SHOULD MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS.


SMAK

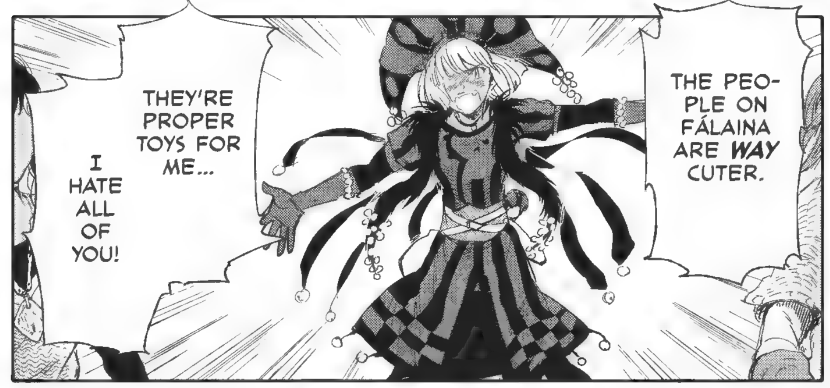

...
WHY DOES IT BOTHER YOU SO MUCH THAT WE'RE LEAVING A COMRADE BEHIND?


OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT COMMANDER ORCA.
IT ISN'T TO SURVIVE.


NEVER MIND THAT!
I'M GOING TO BE A LOT MORE USEFUL.
MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN STUPID DOLLS LIKE YOU!


YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL!
YOU'RE NO FUN.


LET'S BREAK THROUGH, TZITZÍKI.
OKAY, MÉLISSA.


THE PEO-PLE ON FÁLAINA ARE *WAY* CUTER.
THEY'RE PROPER TOYS FOR ME...
I HATE ALL OF YOU!


LION-TARI...


HAD YOU HOPED TO BEFRIEND MY INSECTS?


HUH ?!


THOSE CHILDREN...



THEIR PARENTS WERE CON-SCRIPTED TO MINE A NEW VEIN...

...AND SENT TO THE SEVENTH SETTLE-MENT.

AND THERE THE CHILDREN WERE BORN.

TWO YEARS AGO...

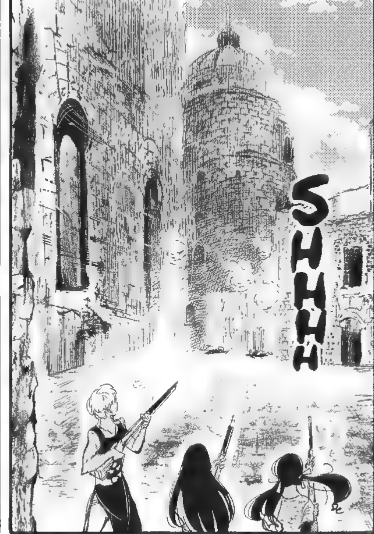
...I BOUGHT ALL TEN OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SEVENTH SETTLE-MENT.


WE HAD BEEN...
...CARRYING ROCKS AT THE VEIN USING THYMIA.
YES...
IT WAS A JOB MEANT FOR ANIMALS.
SO WE'RE VERY STRONG.
JUST LIKE AN ANT IS STRONG.
WE'VE WORKED SINCE WE WERE LITTLE. OUR WASTED LIMBS FELT LIKE THEY WOULD BREAK AND TEAR OFF...
...BUT NO ONE CARED.
WHEN ONE OF US DIED, WE CARRIED THEM OUT WITH THE ROCKS...
...AND WHEN OUR LIVES WERE ALMOST USED UP...
...COMMANDER ORCA CAME FOR AN INSPECTION...


HE SAW US, AND HE CRIED.
HUH?
COM-MANDER ORCA.
BANG
DASH
TZITZÍKI.
YOU'RE TOO EXPOSED.
BANG
BANG


THK
THK
THK
THUD
BANG
BANG
BANG


DID WE GET 'EM?
YEAH.
BUT TZITZÍKI IS DEAD.


SHHHH


...
LET'S GO.


HUH?
COM-MANDER... ORCA...?
HEY, HEY! WAIT JUST A MINUTE.


YOU CRIED FOR THEM WHEN YOU BOUGHT THEM...
...BUT YOU WON'T EVEN LOOK WHEN THEY DIE?!



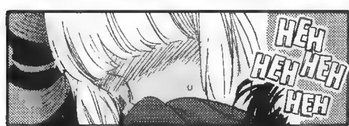
HEY, YOU IDIOT DOLLS!!
THIS GUY IS DEATH INCARNATE!
HE MANIPULATES PEOPLE WITH SOPHISTRY, LITTLE DRAMAS AND USELESS STORIES.
MAYBE IT WAS EASY TO BRAINWASH THESE COLD-HEARTED KIDS...
...BUT YOU'RE WRONG IF YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME OR THE PEOPLE FROM FÁLAINA.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SIR DEMON?!
YOU SHOULD KNOW, INSECT CAGE...
EVERYTHING ORCA SAYS AND DOES IS A LIE.
HE ABANDONED HIS BELOVED SISTER ON THAT SAVAGE ISLAND OF SINNERS, AFTER ALL.


YOU...
...THINK OF PEOPLE AS NOTHING MORE THAN SHIELDS.
YOU USE THOSE AROUND YOU UNTIL THEY DIE IN VAIN...
...LIKE ME...
...AND ITIÁ!
GYAAA!


LET GO.




WHAT IS THIS?
DO YOU MEAN THE LEAST I CAN DO IS COVER HER?


HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH


YOU ARE...
...SO STUPID.



SHE DIED WITHOUT FEAR...

...AND NO ONE IS CRYING. THAT'S NO FUN.

I DON'T LIKE IT!!

RIP

HEH

HEH

THIS ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME.

IF NO ONE WILL CRY FOR YOU...

...THE LEAST I CAN DO IS LAUGH!





You march...

...in the festival of reminiscence...

...ten of you costumed...

...as one blue snake...

...dragging a faded banner...

...making the pebbles in the sand dance...

...when the sunset pierces the mountain...

...and blood runs down its slope...

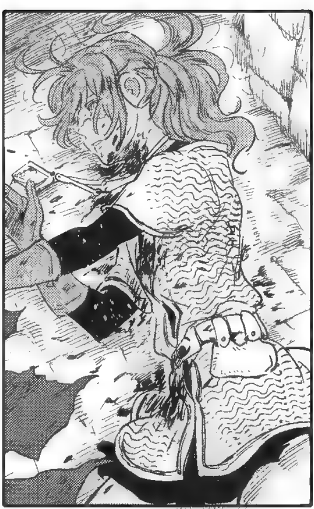
...your compound eyes...

...like shattered glass beads...

...reflect multitudes...

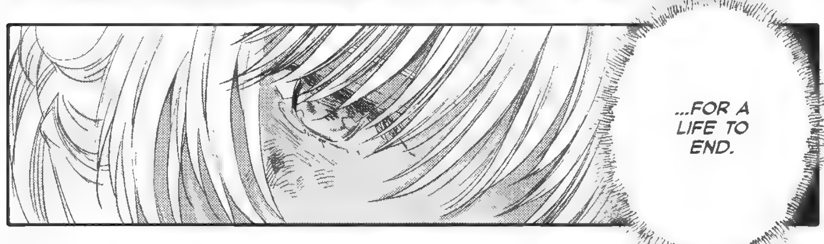
...of the melted ridgeline...


My swift-winged brothers...
...every time you flap your wings...
...your heartbeat...
...spills over like a shimmer of heat.
Vanity is etched...
...at the foot of misery.
And the insects march again.




SAME ARMOR AS THE LAST KID.


I GUESS YOU NEVER KNEW...
...BUT THIS ISN'T A NORMAL WAY...


...FOR A LIFE TO END.


IF I HADN'T GONE TO THE MUD WHALE...
...I WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN EITHER.


...
THIS SMELLS LIKE ORCA.


I'M GUILTY OF HIS CRIMES...
...BECAUSE I COULDN'T STOP HIM.

I DON'T MIND DYING...

...IF I CAN TAKE HIM WITH ME.

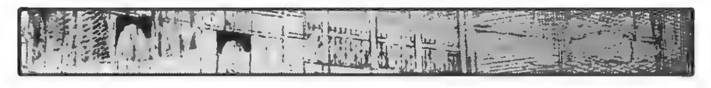
CHAKURO AND THE OTHERS WILL BE SAD...

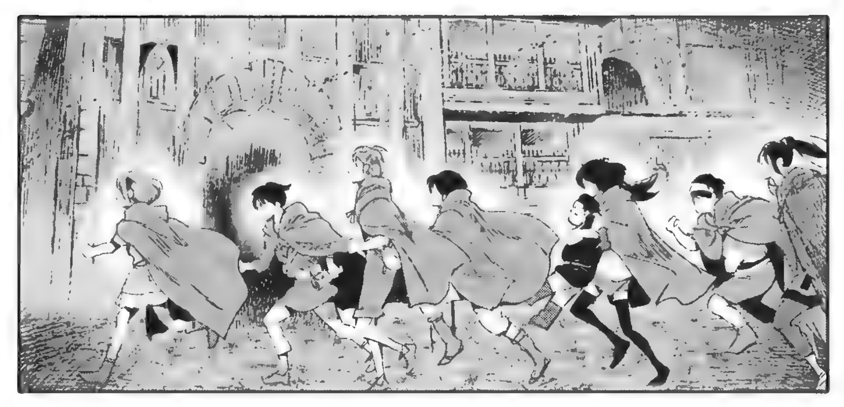
...BUT I'LL KNOW I WAS ABLE TO PROTECT THEIR SMILES.

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.



...THAT
A WORLD
LIKE THAT
EXISTED.



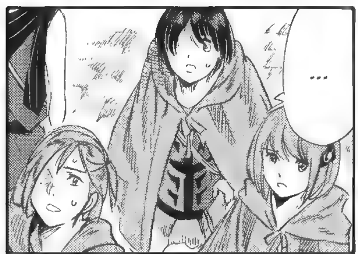




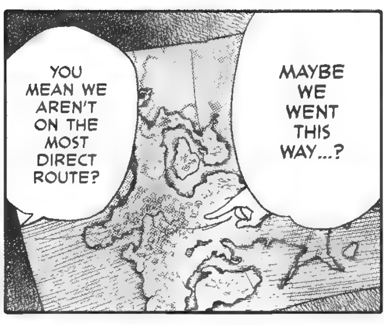

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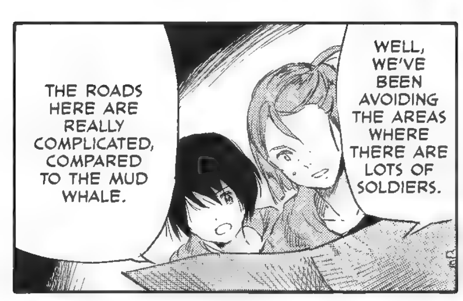

WHAT IS IT, OUNI?
WELL...

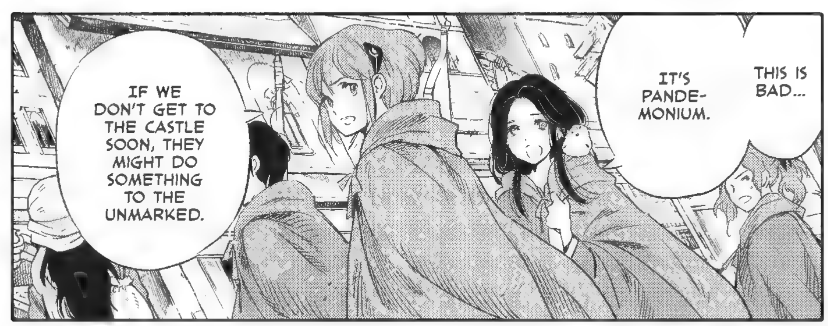

HEY.
I THINK WE'RE GETTING FARTHER AWAY FROM THE CASTLE.


...


KRINKL
HOLD ON.


MAYBE WE WENT THIS WAY...?
YOU MEAN WE AREN'T ON THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE?


WELL, WE'VE BEEN AVOIDING THE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE LOTS OF SOLDIERS.
THE ROADS HERE ARE REALLY COMPLICATED, COMPARED TO THE MUD WHALE.

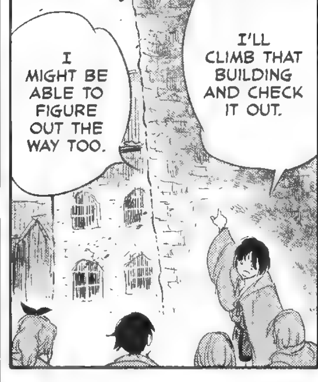

THIS IS BAD...
IT'S PANDEMONIUM.
IF WE DON'T GET TO THE CASTLE SOON, THEY MIGHT DO SOMETHING TO THE UNMARKED.

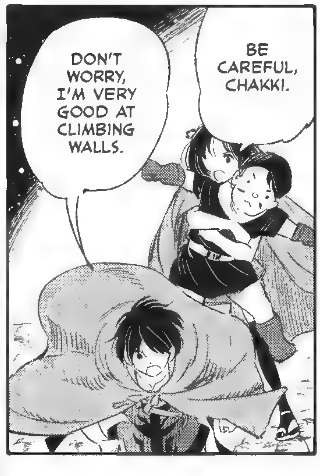
TELL US THE WAY!
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY.
SHOULD WE STRING HIM UP?
STOP IT, FUZZY.
THUMP
IT'S NOT FUZZY! WILL YOU KNOCK THAT OFF?!

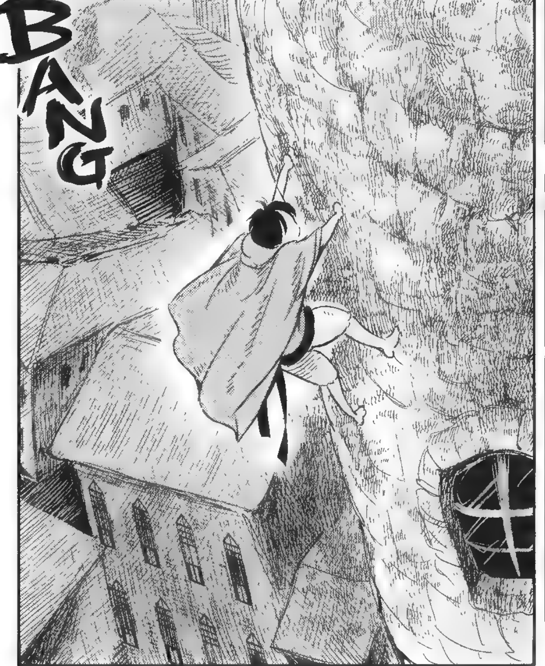

BANG
BANG
YOU'RE RIGHT.

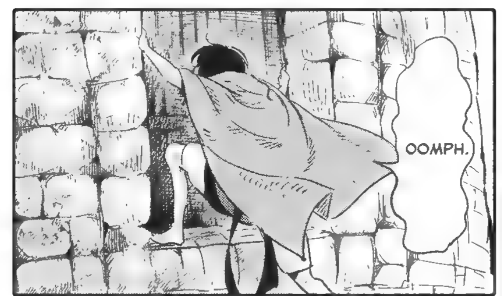

SHH.
I CAN HEAR FIGHTING.

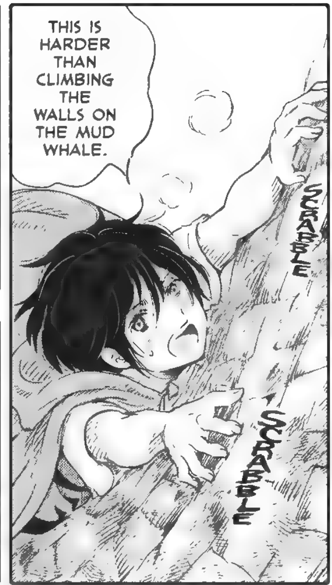



I'LL CLIMB THAT BUILDING AND CHECK IT OUT.
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE WAY TOO.


BE CAREFUL, CHAKKI.
DON'T WORRY, I'M VERY GOOD AT CLIMBING WALLS.


BANG

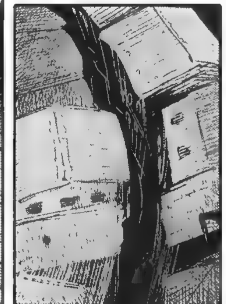

OOMPH.


THIS IS HARDER THAN CLIMBING THE WALLS ON THE MUD WHALE.
SCRABBLE
SCRABBLE


WOOO
MY NAILS ARE RIPPING.


BANG
THERE'S THE FIGHTING.
IT'S CLOSER THAN I THOUGHT.
BANG
BANG


WOOO




BANG
BANG
BANG
I knew...
... immediately who it was.


TH THUMP
LYKOS SAID HE HAS A SCAR ON HIS FACE...
AND...
...HE LOOKS A LOT LIKE LYKOS.

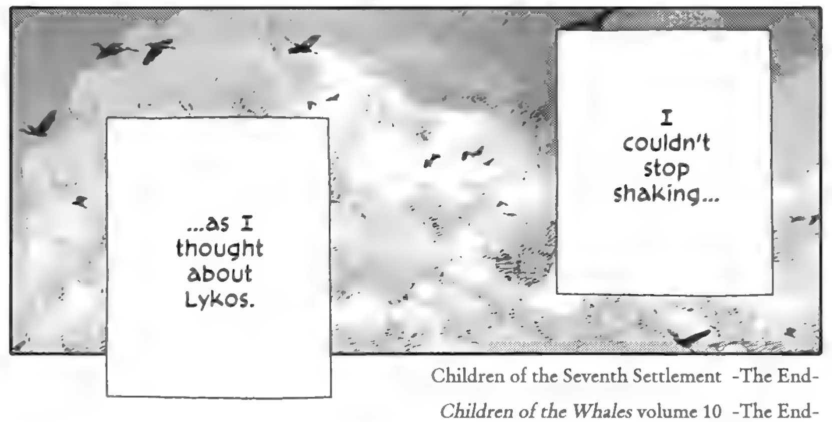
WOOOO

HE'S THE ONE WHO PLANNED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MUD WHALE...
HE'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THE LIVES OF SAMI, MAYOR TAISHA AND NIBI.

OR IS HE...?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S NICE...
AAGH!
TH THUMP


THTHUMP
IF ONLY...
...HE LOOKED MORE LIKE A MONSTER.
THTHUMP
IF ONLY HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE LYKOS...
IF ONLY HE WASN'T RELATED TO HER...
THTHUMP
LYKOS...
THTHUMP

I...I CAN HATE HIM, CAN'T I?



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A Note on Names

Those who live on the Mud Whale are named after colors in a language unknown. Abi Umeda uses Japanese translations of the names, which we have maintained. Here is a list of the English equivalents for the curious.

Aijiro	pale blue
Benihi	scarlet
Buki	kerria flower (*yamabuki*)
Byakuroku	malachite mineral pigments, pale green tinged with white
Chakuro	blackish brown (*cha* = brown, *kuro* = black)
Furano	from "flannel," a soft-woven fabric traditionally made of wool
Ginshu	vermillion
Hakuji	porcelain white
Jiki	golden
Kicha	yellowish brown
Kikujin	koji mold, yellowish green
Kogare	burnt muskwood, dark reddish brown
Kuchiba	decayed-leaf brown
Masoh	cinnabar
Miru	seaweed green
Nashiji	a traditional Japanese crepe weave fabric
Neri	silk white
Nezu	mouse gray
Nibi	dark gray
Ouni	safflower red
Rasha	darkest blue, nearly black
Ro	lacquer black
Sami	light green (*asa* = light, *midori* = green)

Shikoku	purple-tinged black
Shikon	purple-tinged navy
Shinono	the color of dawn (*shinonome*)
Shuan	dark bloodred
Sienna	reddish brown
Sumi	ink black
Suou	raspberry red
Taisha	red ocher
Tobi	reddish brown like a kite's feather
Tokusa	scouring rush green
Tonoko	the color of powdered grindstone, a pale brown
Urumi	muddy gray



Children of the Whales is going to become a TV anime! I'm very much looking forward to seeing how the Sea of Sand will look with movement, color and sound.

—Abi Umeda

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